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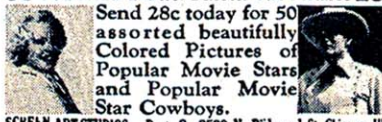
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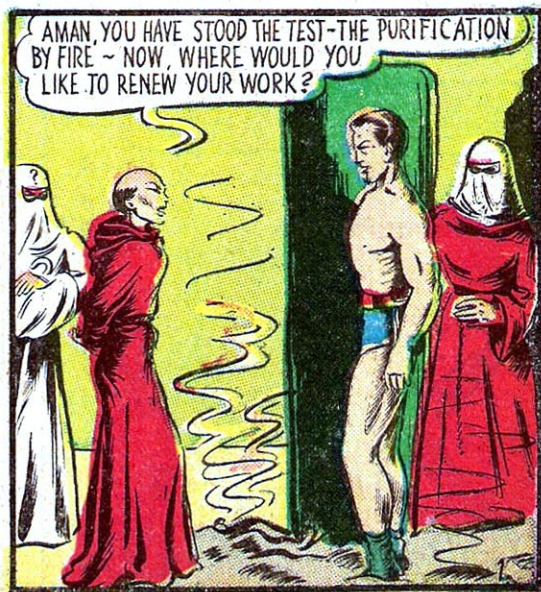
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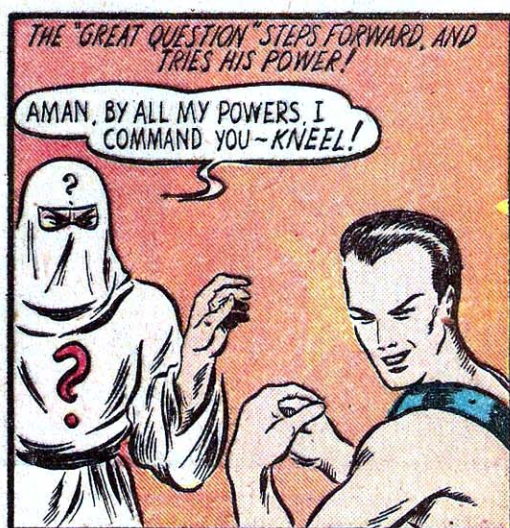
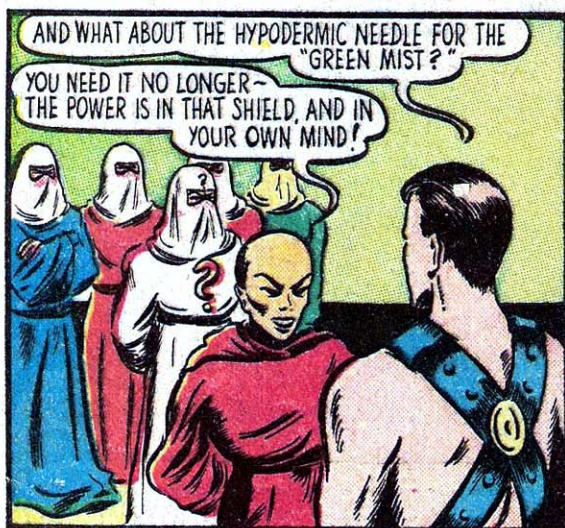
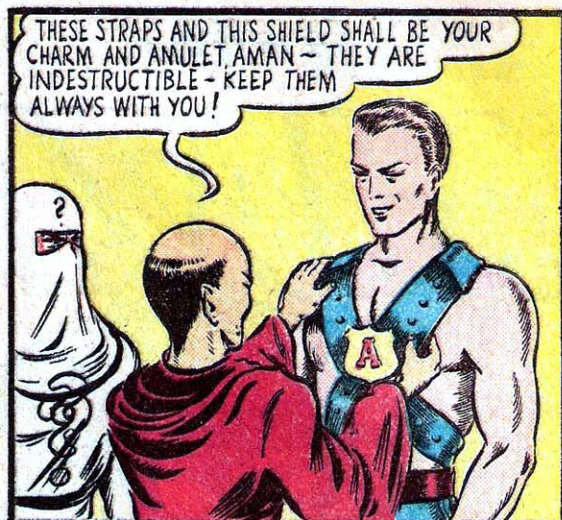
AMAN - the AMAZING- MAN

By *Bilzvereff*

PURIFICATION!

-THE NEW AMAZING-MAN-
AFTER SIX MONTHS IN THE OUTER WORLD,
AMAN IS SUMMONED BY THE 'COUNCIL OF
SEVEN' - PURIFIED BY FIRE, HE WILL GO
FORTH A NEW MAN, DEVOID OF ALL EVIL
EMOTIONS - BUT THE "GREAT QUESTION"
IS DETERMINED TO RULE HIM FOR HIS OWN
EVIL MOTIVES - THE OTHER SIX COUNCILMEN
ARE JUST AS DETERMINED THAT HE SHALL
WORK FOR GOOD - WHAT WILL HAPPEN?





AMAN LEAVES THE "COUNCIL OF SEVEN" AND GOES TO HIS QUARTERS IN THE MONASTERY WHERE HE CHANGES INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND PREPARES FOR HIS JOURNEY TO AMERICA - AN HOUR LATER HE IS IN HIS SUPER MODERN PLANE -

AND ZOOMS DOWN THE RUNWAY TO A PERFECT TAKE OFF

AT LAST! BACK TO AMERICA!

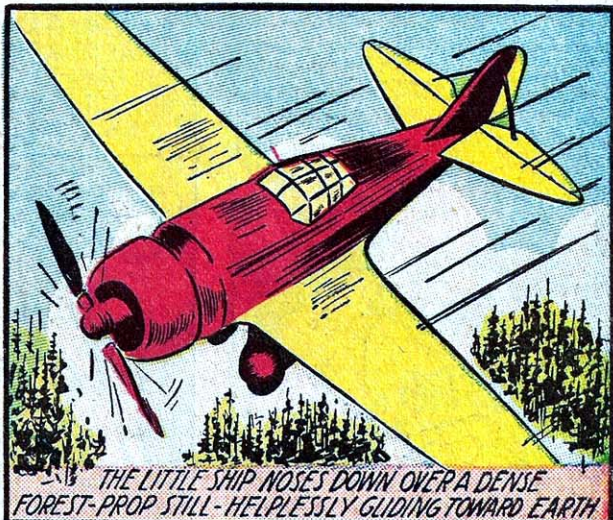
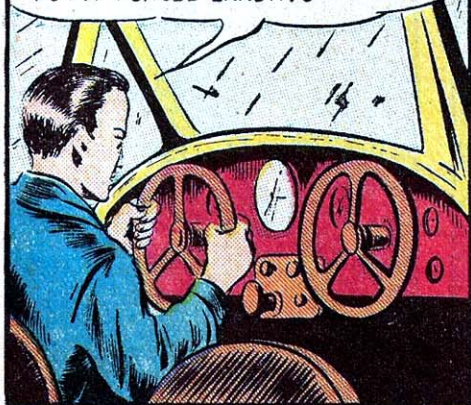


DAYS LATER, AFTER A TEDIOUS TRIP -

THESE HEADWINDS HAVE THROWN ME OFF MY COURSE - SLOWED ME UP - NO TELLING WHERE I AM NOW - PROBABLY OVER LOUISIANA!



GOODNIGHT! JUST AS I THOUGHT! THE GAS IS RUNNING OUT, AND I'M MILES FROM CIVILIZATION! WELL - HERE GOES FOR A FORCED LANDING!



THE LITTLE SHIP NOSES DOWN OVER A DENSE FOREST - PROP STILL - HELPLESSLY GLIDING TOWARD EARTH

THEN - A SMALL STRIP OF WATER!

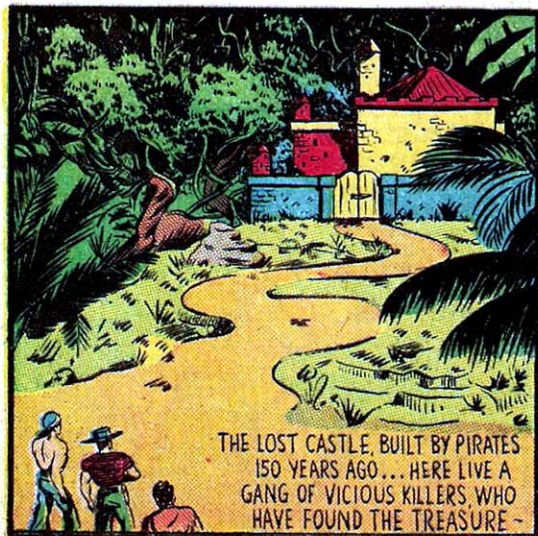
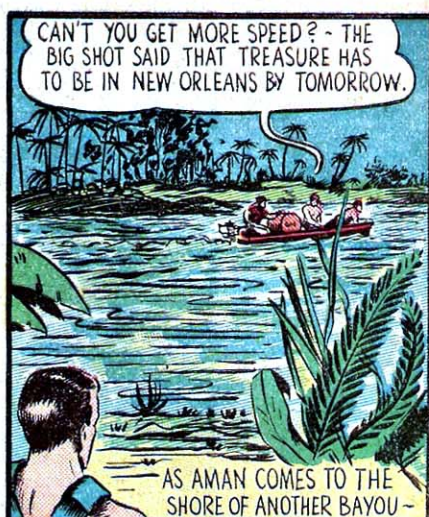
THANK THE LORD! A LITTLE LAKE!
GOOD THING THE FUSELAGE IS WATERPROOFED - THAT PART OF IT THAT'S NOT METAL!

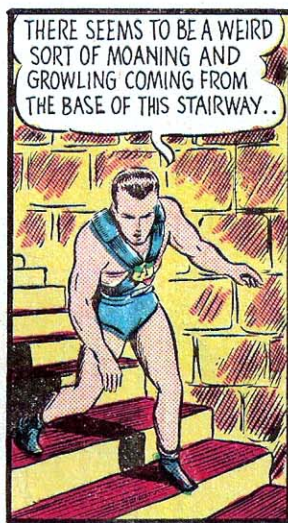
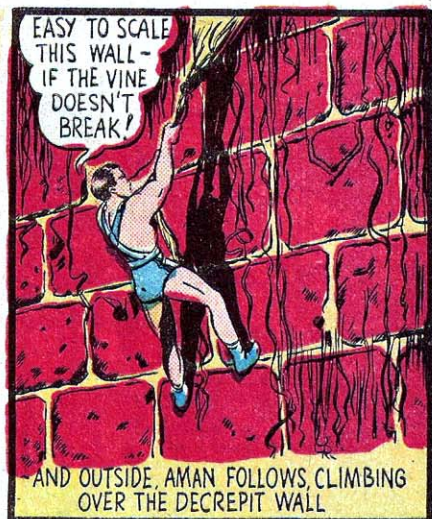
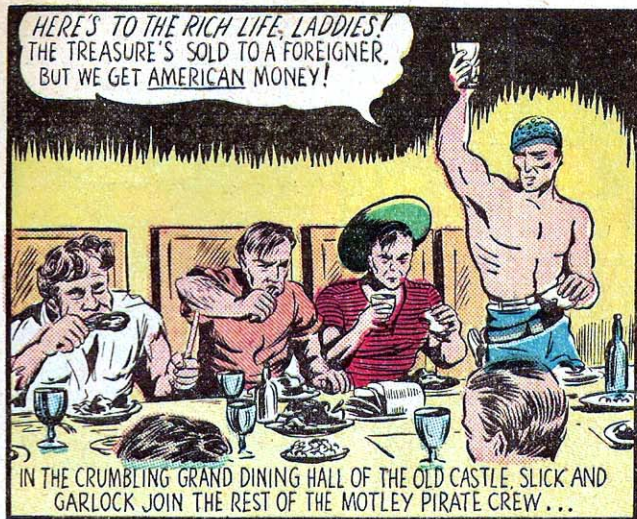


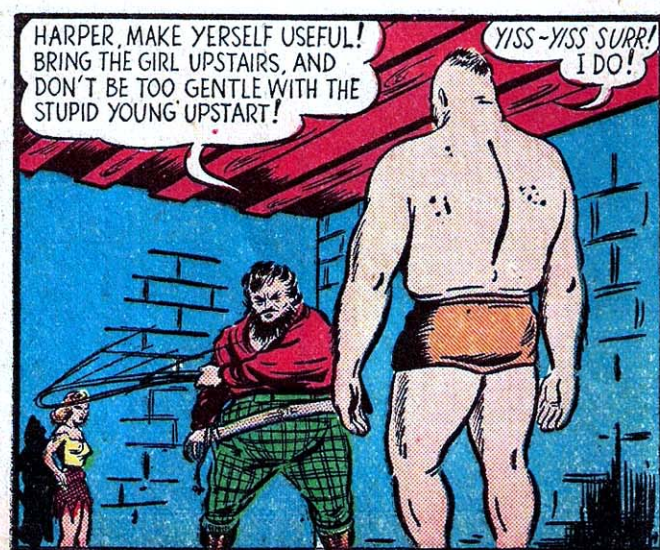
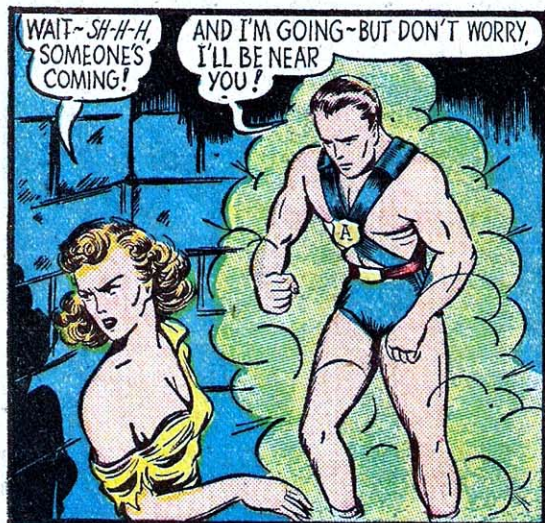
AMAN PLUNGES HIS PLANE INTO THE SHALLOW LAKE AND STEPS OUT REMOVING HIS OUTER GARMENTS - TO APPEAR IN HIS TIBETAN UNIFORM!

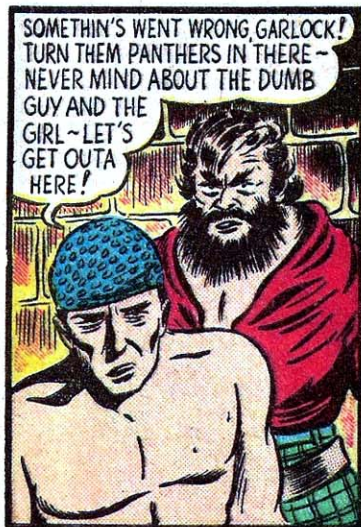
THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE LOST BAYOUS OF LOUISIANA

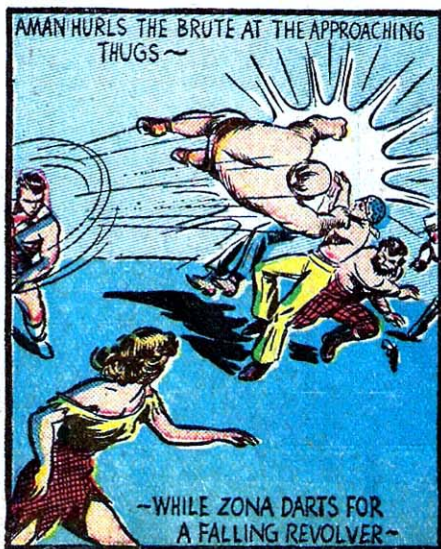
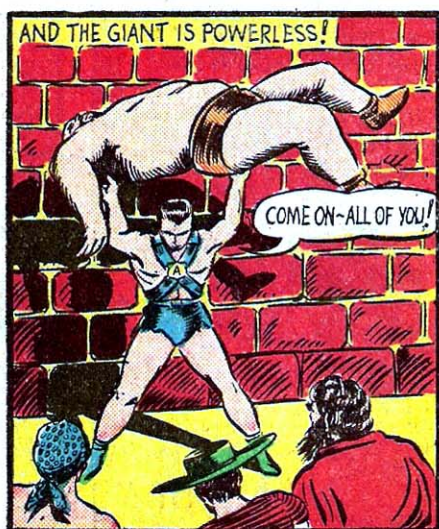
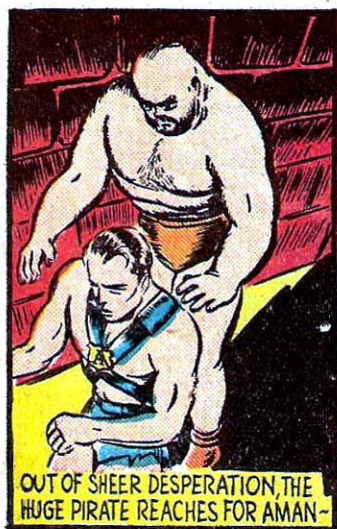














WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE TREASURE?

TURN IT OVER TO THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES~ALL I WANT IS THE DRUM OF GASOLINE FOR MY PLANE~



IN A FEW MINUTES THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY~

WE'LL HAVE TO CARRY THIS STUFF ACROSS LAND TO THE OTHER BAYOU, WHERE I LEFT THE SHIP~



GOOD THING THERE WAS SOME ROPE IN THE BOAT~EASIER TO HAUL THIS BARREL THAN TO CARRY IT!



WELL, HERE WE~

NO! WAIT! LOOK, MISTER!

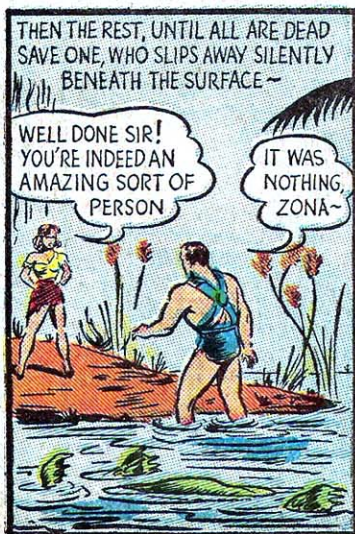


AH! CROCODILES, EH? APPARENTLY THE HUMAN SCENT ON THE PLANE ATTRACTED THEM~ JUST A MINUTE, ZONA, AND I'LL HAVE THESE FELLOWS OUT OF THE WAY!



SO~YOU'RE HUNGRY, LADDIE? 'S TOO BAD~ TOO BAD!

AMAN LEAPS INTO THE WATER, ATTACKING FIRST, THE LARGEST~



THEN THE REST, UNTIL ALL ARE DEAD SAVE ONE, WHO SLIPS AWAY SILENTLY BENEATH THE SURFACE~

WELL DONE SIR! YOU'RE INDEED AN AMAZING SORT OF PERSON

IT WAS NOTHING, ZONA~



WHEN I GET THE SHIP ON DRYLAND, LOAD THE CHESTS, AND PUT IN THE GAS~WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY!

AMAN ASSISTS THE GIRL INTO THE LITTLE MONOPLANE

IN THE SPACE OF A FEW MINUTES, AMAN HAS TOWED THE SHIP ONTO LAND, ON A STRIP BORDERING THE BAYOU, AND HAS LOADED AND REFUELED IT - HE JUMPS INTO THE COCKPIT, AND GIVES IT THE GUN

WHERE TO NOW, P-PAL?

SAY, I LIKE THAT "PAL" BUSINESS!

A LITTLE PURSUASION, AND THE POWERFUL MOTOR KICKS OVER -

WELL, FIRST WE SET DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS, TO TURN THE TREASURE OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES - THEN YOU GO HOME FOR A REST... BUT I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN LATER -

AND SHE WINGS HER WAY TO THE SKY -

YOU'RE ON, MISTER! LET'S SHAKE ON IT - BUT YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME YOUR NAME YET -?

JUST CALL ME "AMAN", ZONA!

OVER THE AIRPORT AT NEW ORLEANS, THE LITTLE SHIP NOSES DOWN -

YOU MAY AS WELL HAVE THE LOAN OF MY TOPCOAT UNTIL YOU GET HOME, ZONA - I CAN CALL FOR IT SOMETIME SOON - OR - MAY I?

CERTAINLY, AMAN! THANKS!

AND IN THE AIRPORT OFFICE - AMAN PHONES THE LOCAL FEDERAL BUREAU -

YES - AND YOU'D BETTER HAVE A HEAVY GUARD TO TAKE IT TO THE BANK - I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE THE PRISONERS ARE, LATER!

WELL, GOODBYE, AND THANKS A MILLION - YOU WERE WONDERFUL! CALL ME SOON - PALMETTO 6-157 -

OKAY PAL - SO LONG!

MEANWHILE, IN HIS LABORATORY IN TIBET, THE GREAT QUESTION WATCHES THE ACTION IN HIS SUPER-TELEVISION SET.....

VERY COZY! - BUT JUST WAIT, AMAN - AND YOU, TOO, ZONA HENDERSON - I HAVE PLANS FOR YOU!

WATCH FOR THE GREAT QUESTION'S EVIL PLAN IN THE NEXT "AMAZING-MAN COMICS"

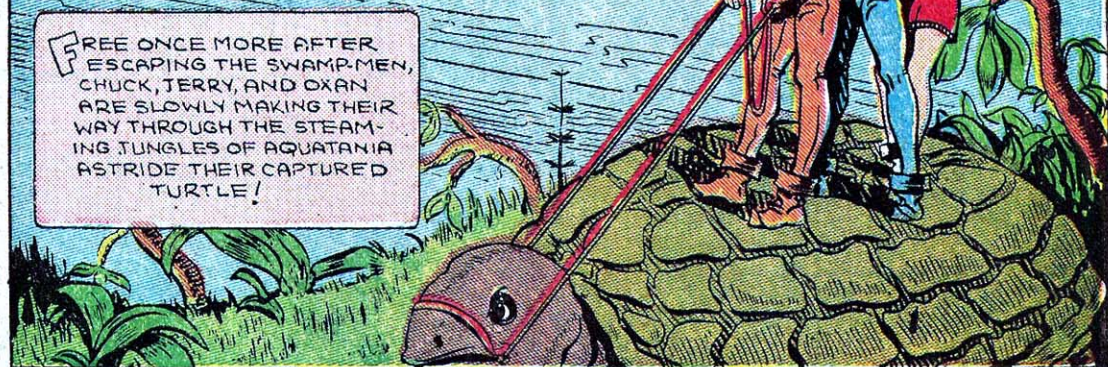
CHUCK WARDY

IN THE LAND
BENEATH THE SEA

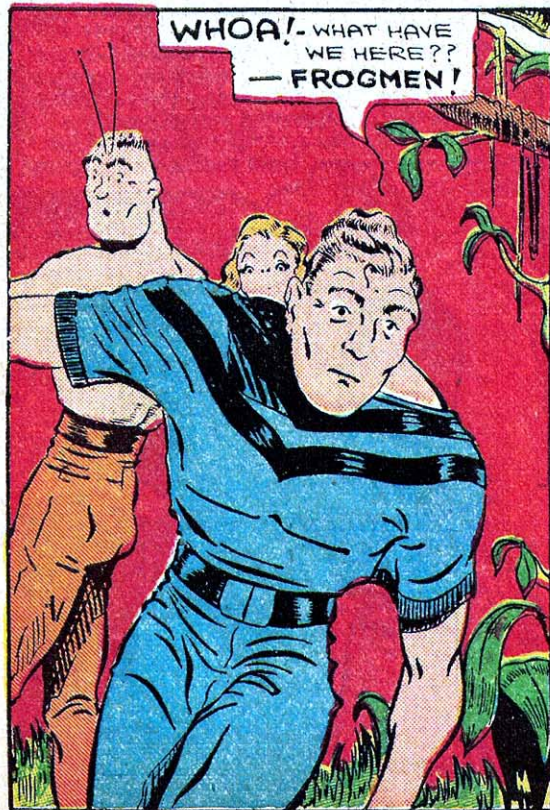
by Frank Thomas

THE GANG BACK IN
DENVER SHOULD SEE
YOU NOW, JERRY—RIDING
A TURTLE!

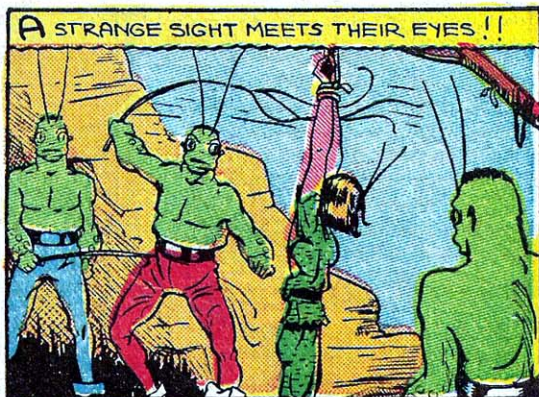
FREE ONCE MORE AFTER
ESCAPING THE SWAMP MEN,
CHUCK, JERRY, AND OXAN
ARE SLOWLY MAKING THEIR
WAY THROUGH THE STEAMING
JUNGLES OF AQUATANIA
ASTRIDE THEIR CAPTURED
TURTLE!



WHOA!—WHAT HAVE
WE HERE??
—FROGMEN!

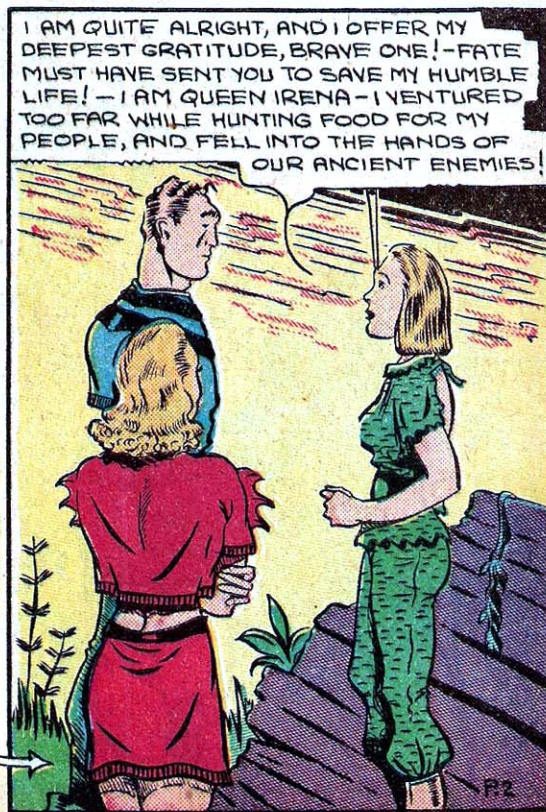
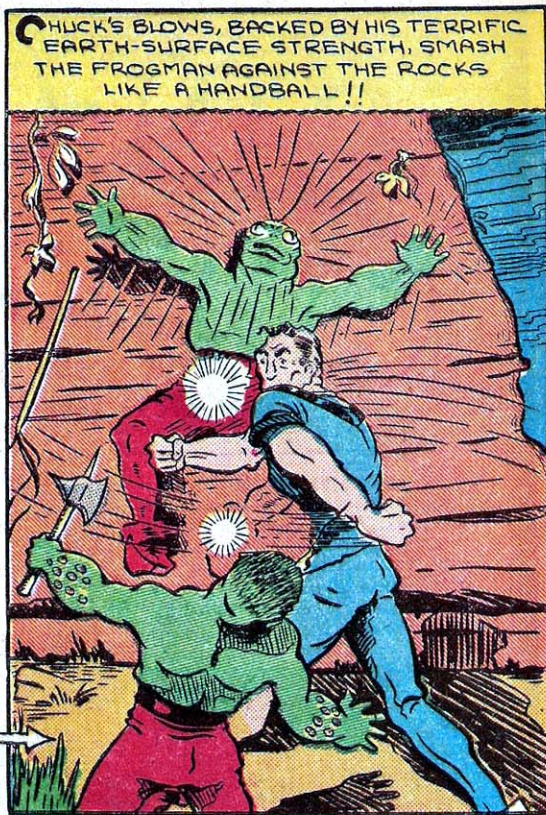
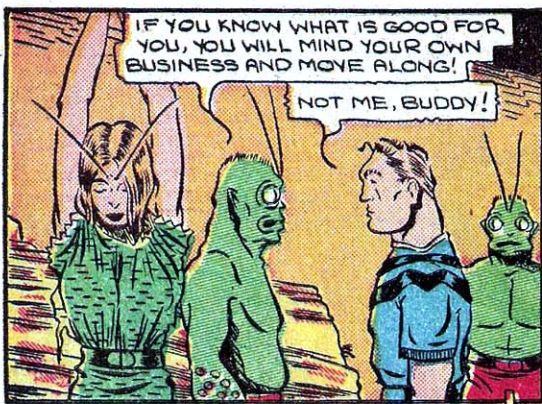


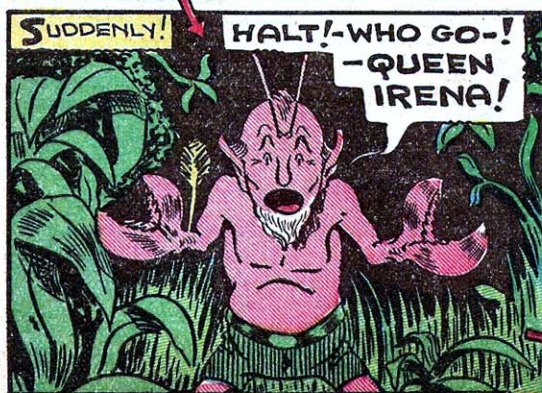
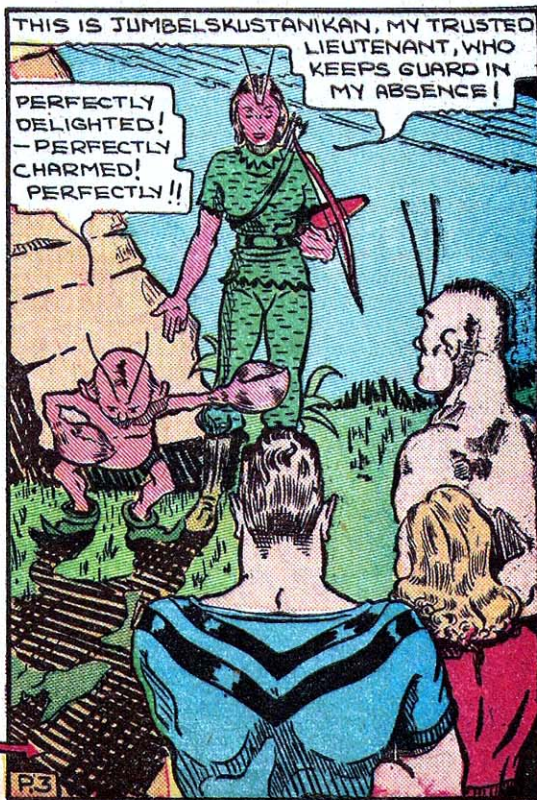
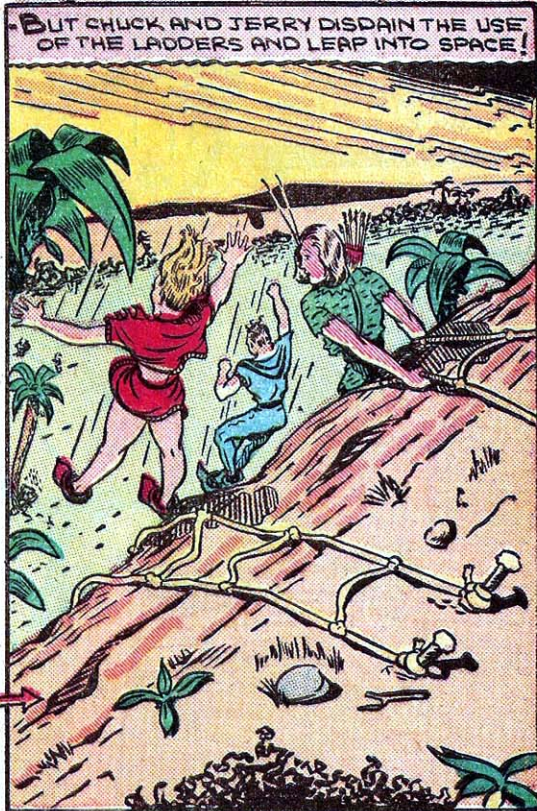
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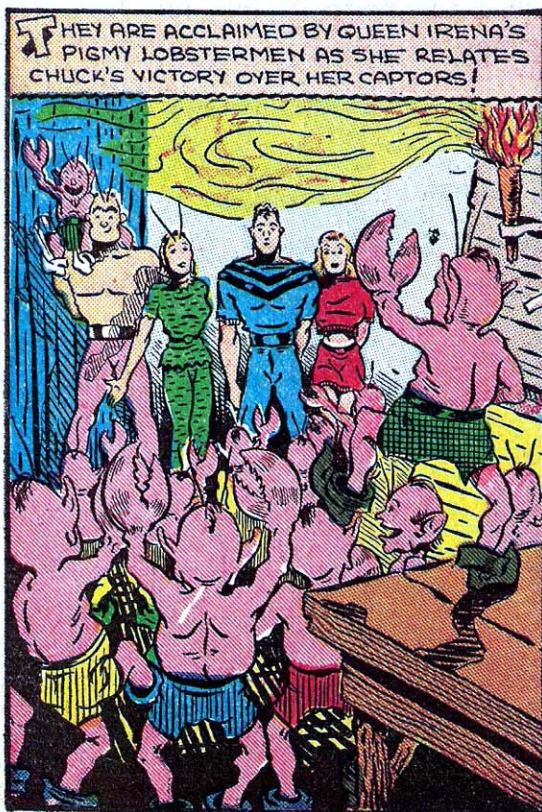


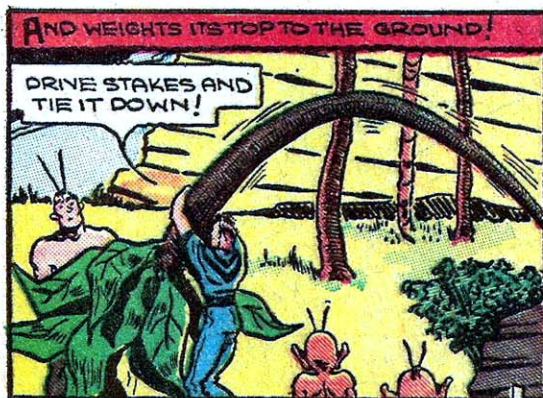
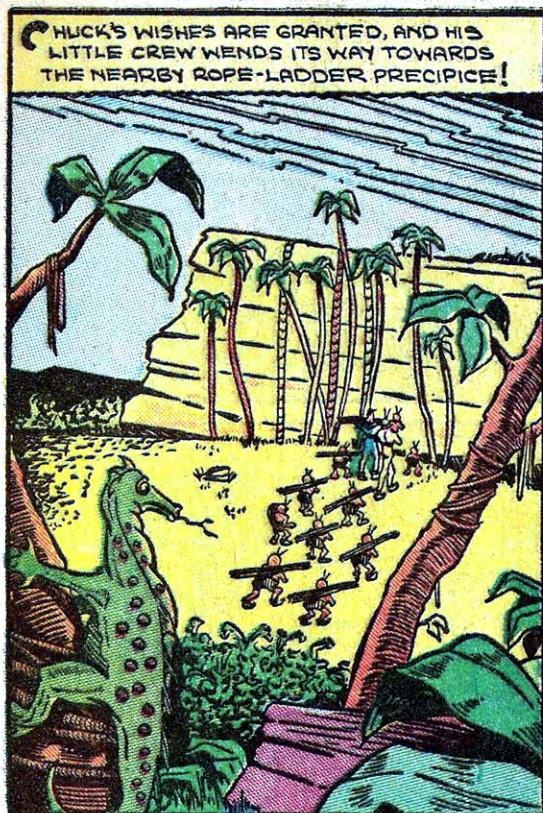
WAIT A MINUTE!—THAT'S NO
WAY TO TREAT A LADY!

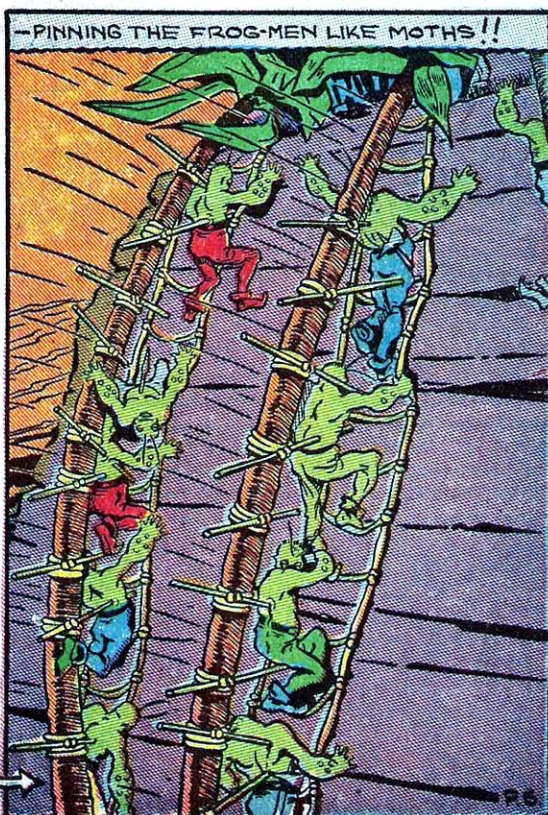
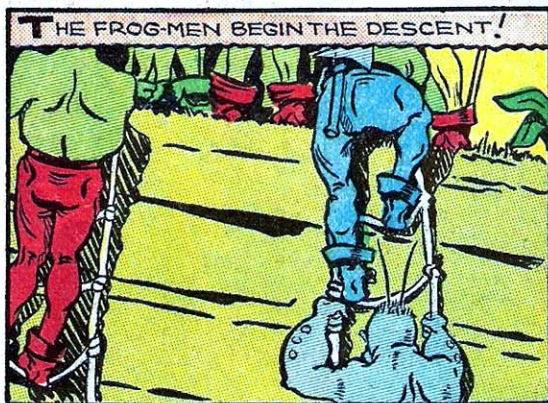
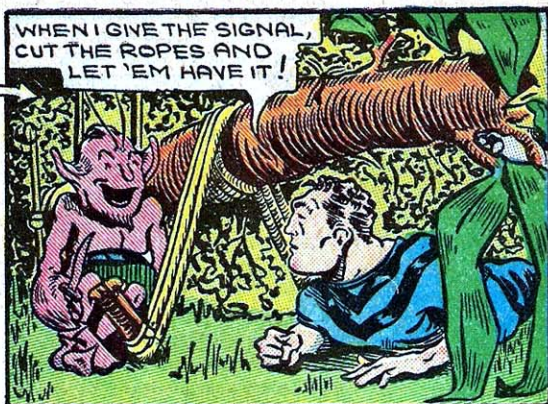


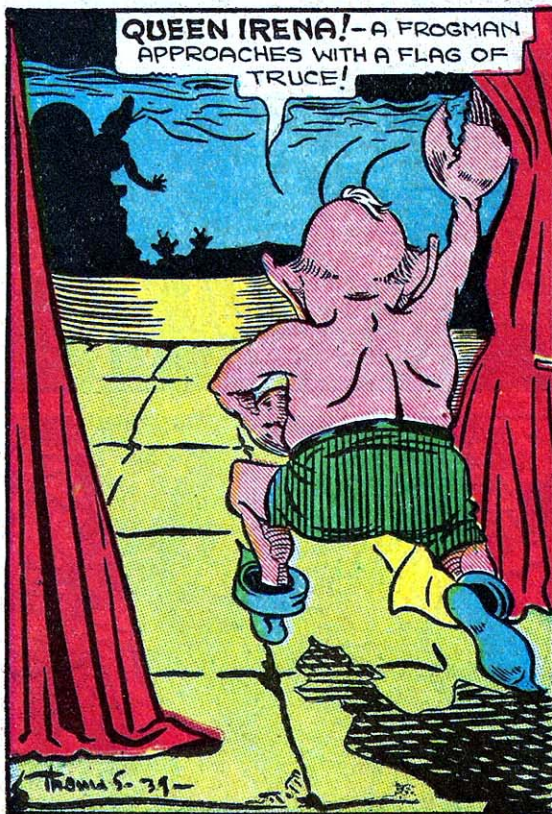
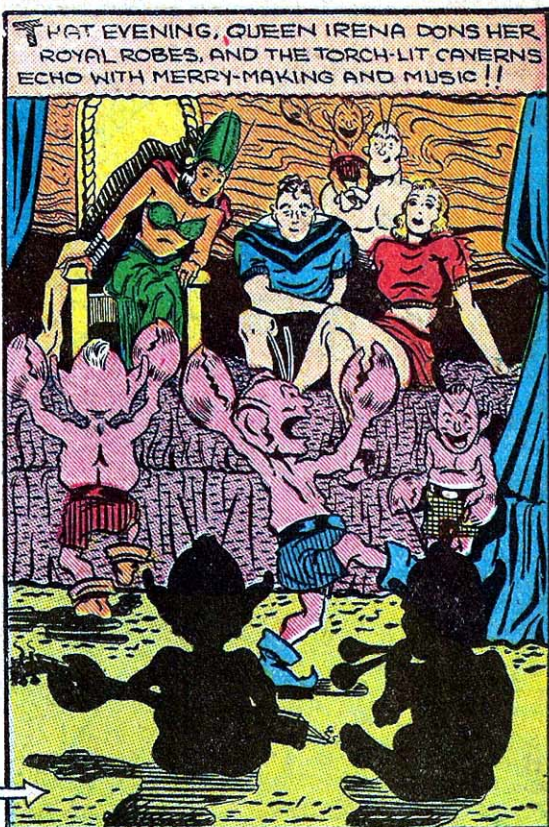
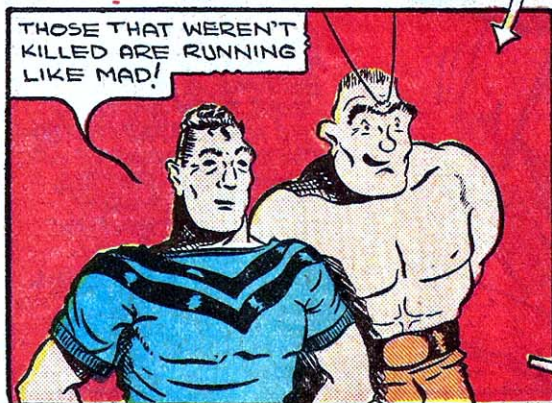




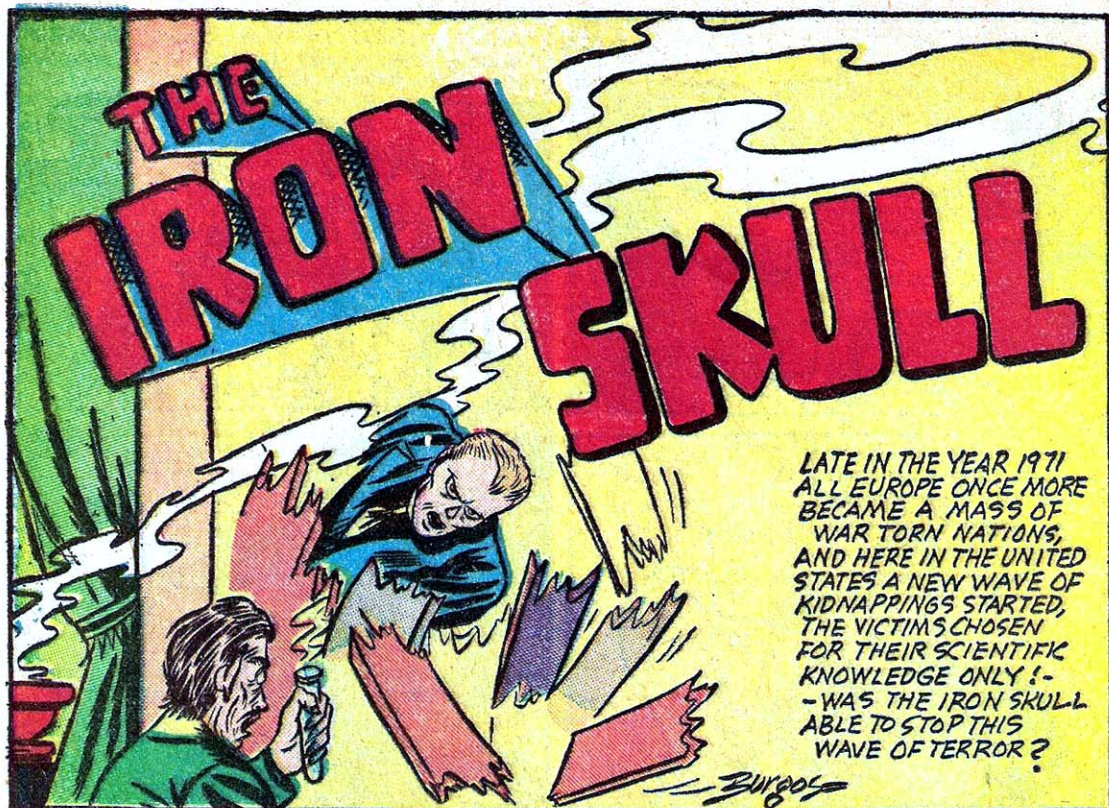








—DON'T MISS CHUCK'S BATTLE WITH THE TWO-HEADED TOGA NEXT MONTH!—CHUCK HARDY APPEARS IN **AMAZING MAN COMICS** MONTHLY!



LATE IN THE YEAR 1971
ALL EUROPE ONCE MORE
BECAME A MASS OF
WAR TORN NATIONS,
AND HERE IN THE UNITED
STATES A NEW WAVE OF
KIDNAPPINGS STARTED,
THE VICTIMS CHOSEN
FOR THEIR SCIENTIFK
KNOWLEDGE ONLY !-
- WAS THE IRON SKULL
ABLE TO STOP THIS
WAVE OF TERROR ?

BURRO



-YOU HAVE SOMETHING
FOR ME TODAY ROCKLIN?

-YEAH!-AND
HE'S GOING TO
COST YOU TEN
GRAND DRAGO!-
BRING THE PROF. IN RED!



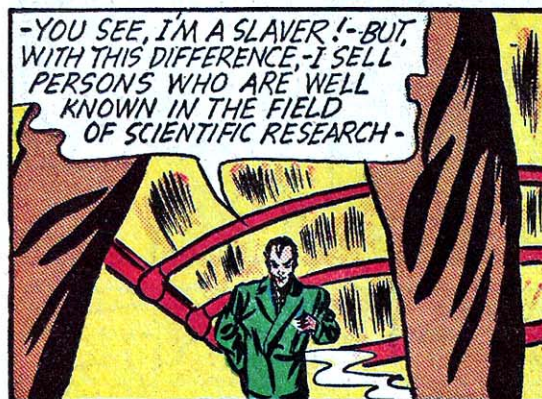
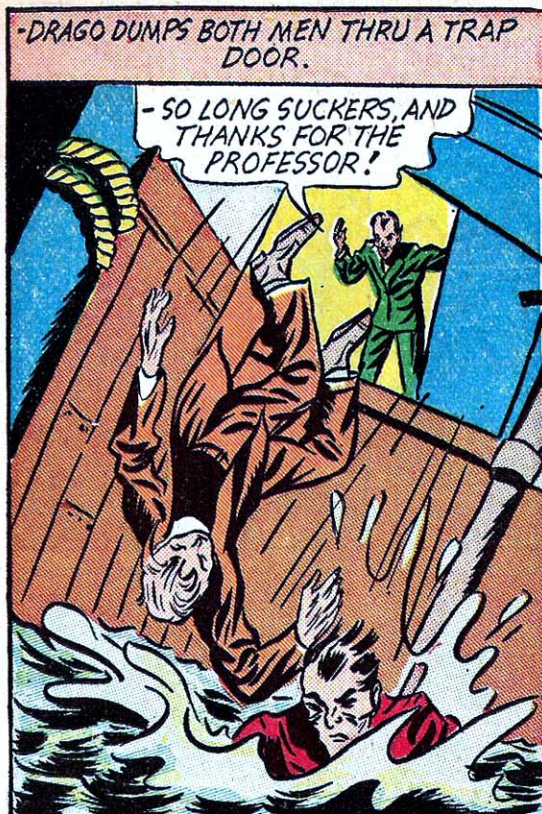
-HERE HE IS!-HAH,LOOK,
-I THINK HE'S SCARED OF
YOUR FACE,DRAGO!

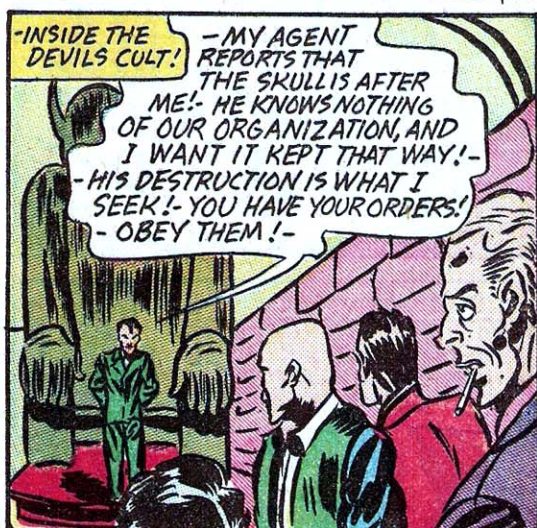
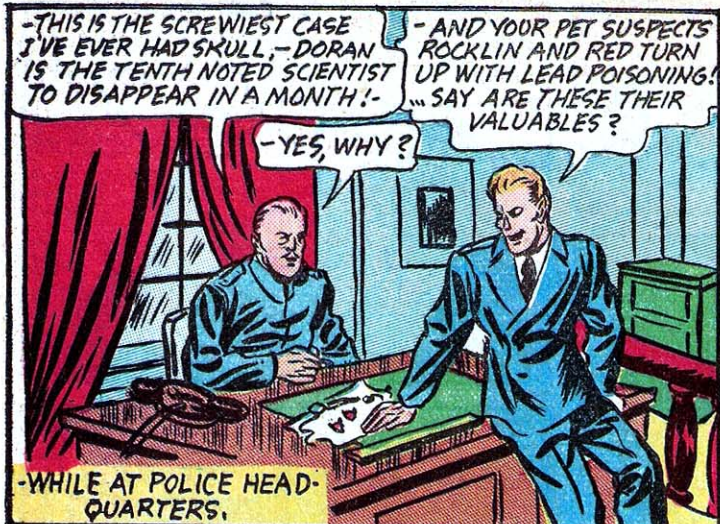


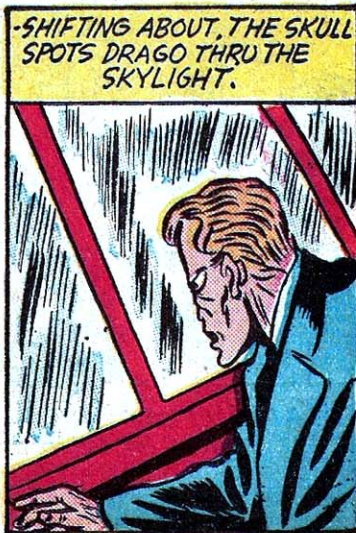
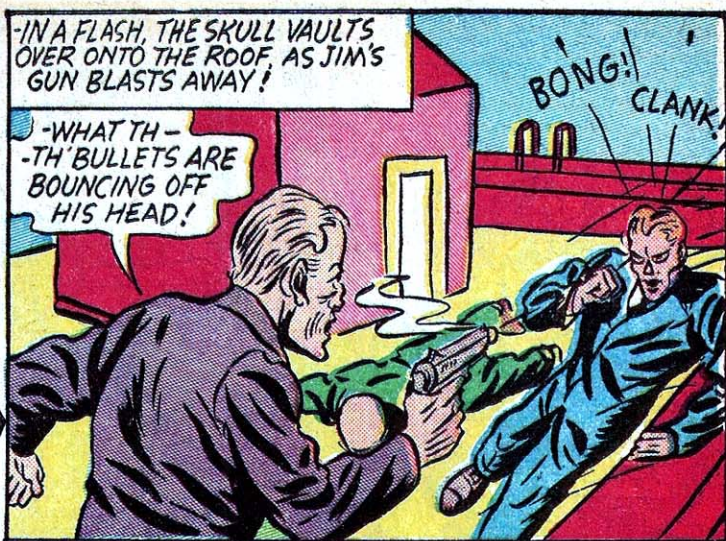
-NO MATTER!-SEEING IT'S PROF.DORAN!
-THE GREATEST BACTERIOLOGIST IN THE
WORLD!-HERE'S
YOUR MONEY
ROCKLIN!

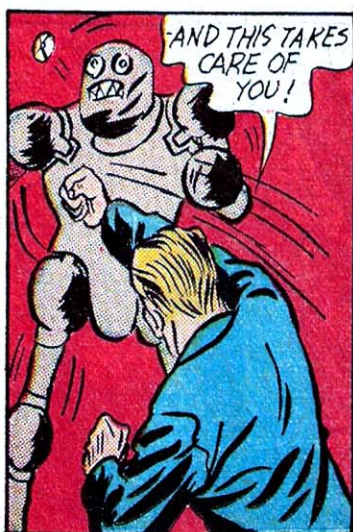
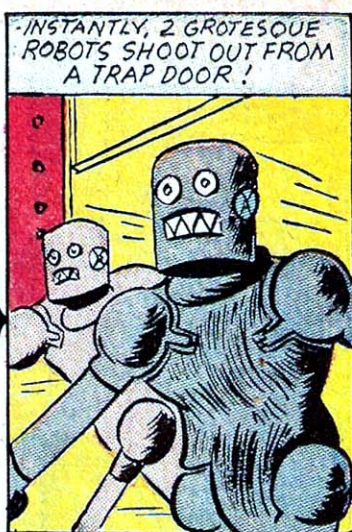
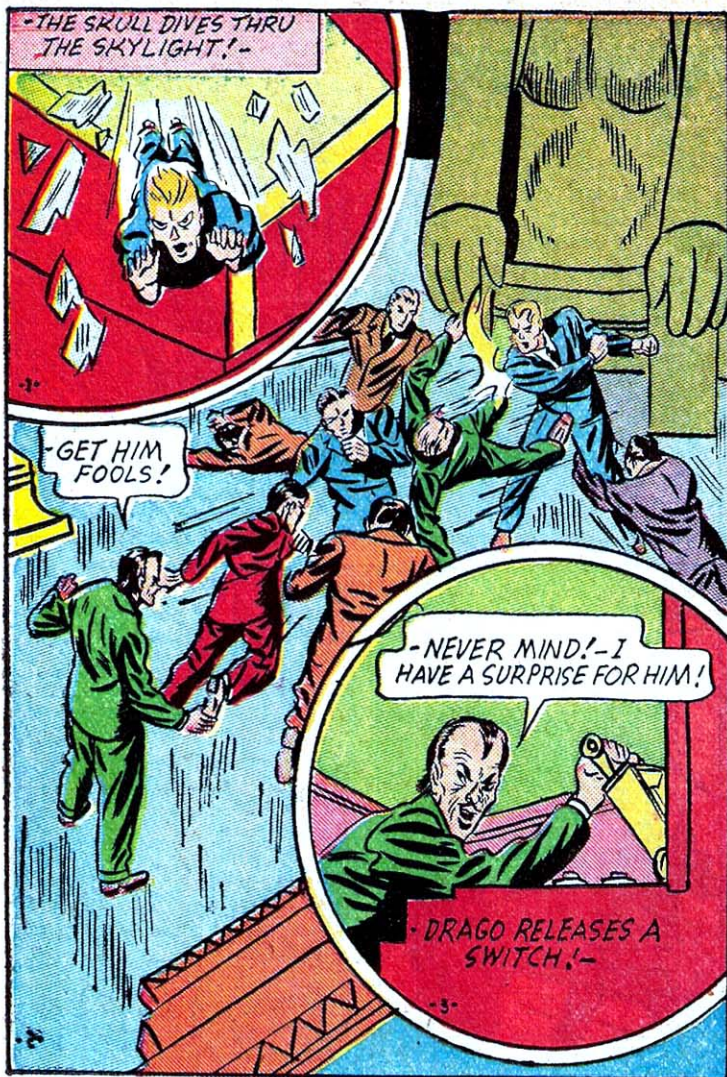


- BUT, TOO BAD
YOU AND RED WILL
NEVER USE IT!











-AS THE SKULL MOVES IN ON DRAGO, THE LATTER SENDS A CHLOROFORM SOAKED RAG FLYING INTO THE SKULL'S FACE !-



- LATER, WHEN THE SKULL OPENS HIS EYES, A STRANGE SENSATION FLASHES DOWN HIS SPINE AS HE FEELS HIMSELF SPREAD - EAGLED ON A HUGE METAL BALL AND SPOTS A SERIES OF SHARP STEEL PYRAMIDS DIRECTLY UNDER HIM.



-TWISTING HIS BODY, IN
THE NICK OF TIME, HIS
IRON HEAD CRACKS DOWN
ON THE STEEL POINTS
SHATTERING THEM TO
BITS!-



-THEN IN A BURST OF SPEED,
HE GRASPS THE ALREADY
FLEEING DRAGO!



-NOW RAT-WHERE'S
PROF DORAN?!-
-C'MON TALK!!-



-AND IF I DON'T?

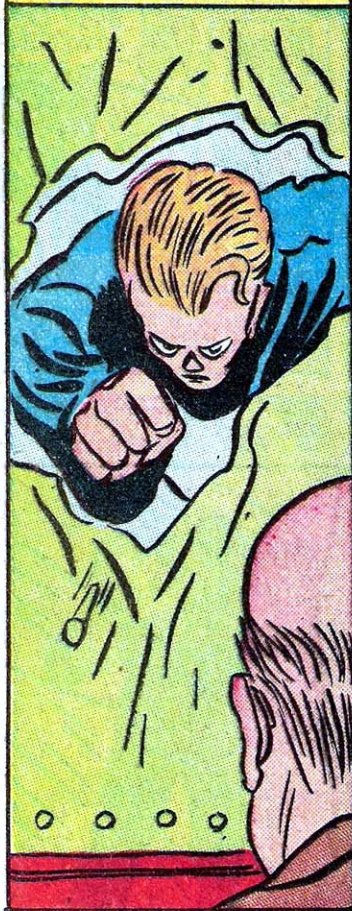


-I THINK YOU'LL
CHANGE YOUR
MIND!!-

SLAP!



- WITH HIS IRON HEAD AS A RAM, THE SKULL BATTERS DOWN THE STEEL DOOR, WHILE RROF DORAN STANDS AMAZED.



- ARE YOU ALLRIGHT?

- YES, BUT LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
- OR WE'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS!



- I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

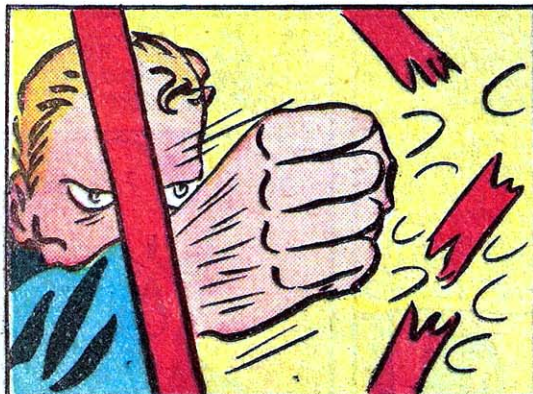
- DRAGO HAS A TIME BOMB HIDDEN HERE AND IT'S DUE TO GO OFF ANY MINUTE!



- YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT HIM MAD WHEN HE SWALLOWED THAT KEY! - BUT, HE WAS ALWAYS PREPARED FOR SUCH A CASE! - THAT'S WHY HE SAID I WAS DOOMED! - THE BOMB IS IN THIS CELL!! -



- WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOOK FOR IT! -
- WAIT! - THE WINDOW THAT'S OUR EXIT! -



- THE SKULL THEN CRASHES HIS STEEL FISTS AGAINST THE BARS! - WHICH SOON SPLIT AND THE MEN ARE FREE! -



- AND THAT'S THE END OF DRAGO'S SCIENTIFIC SLAVE TRADE, SKULL! -

- RIGHT!

- ONCE OUTSIDE, A DEAFENING BOOM ECHOES!

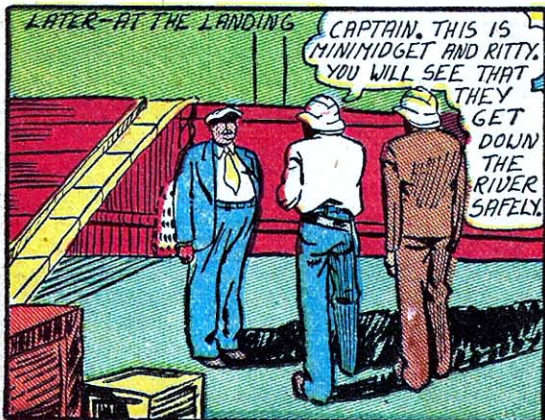
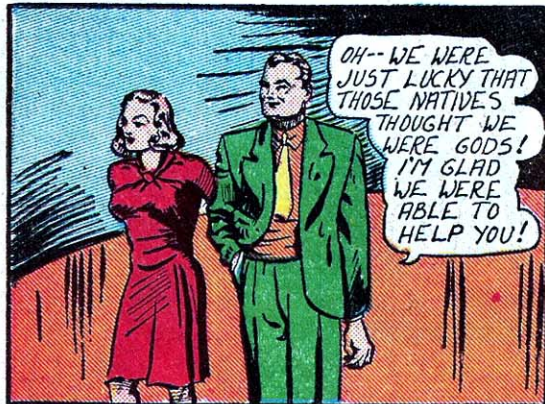
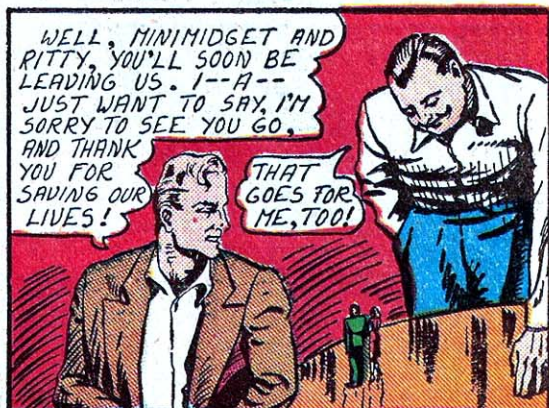
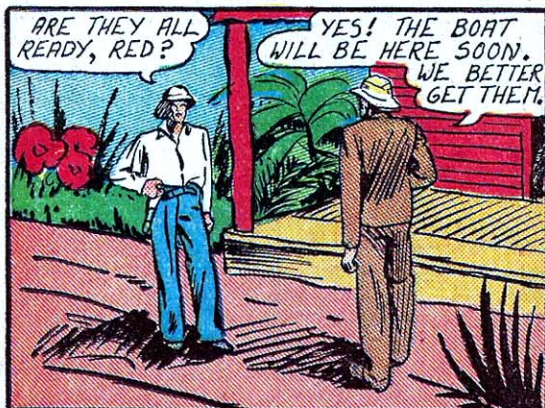
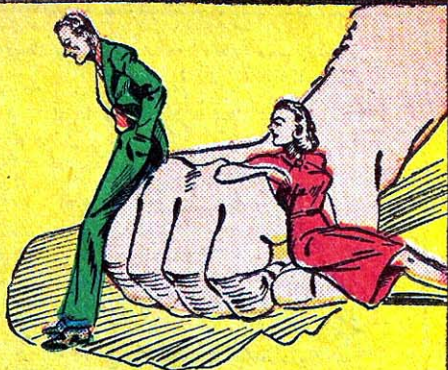
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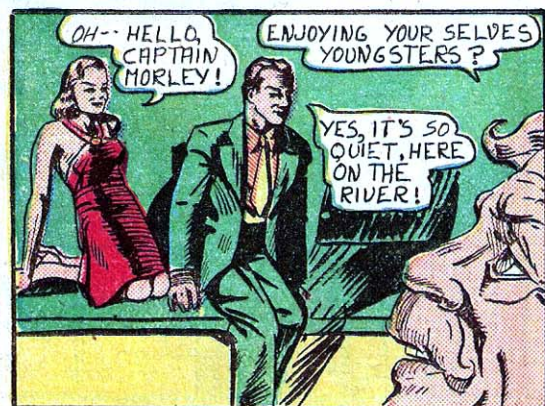
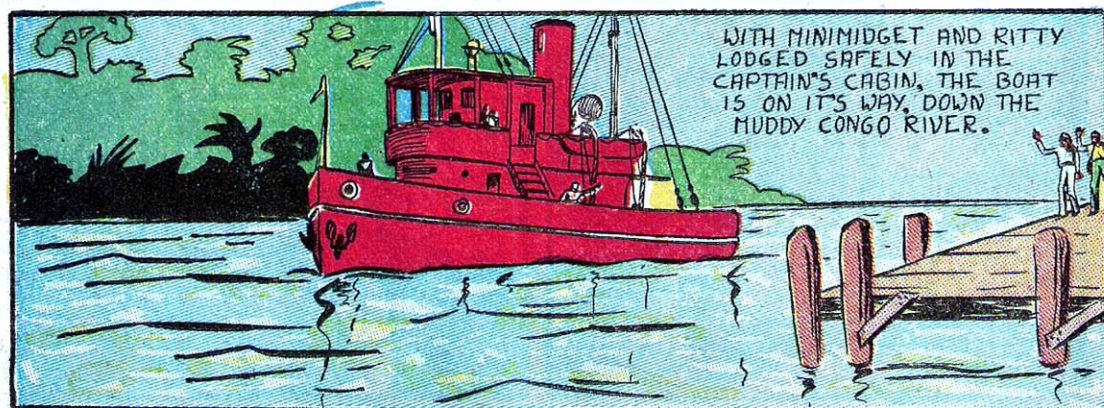
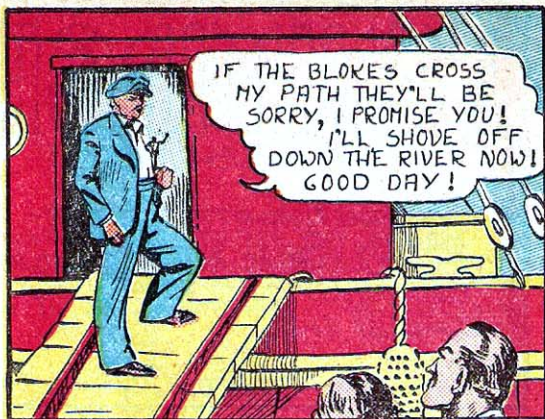
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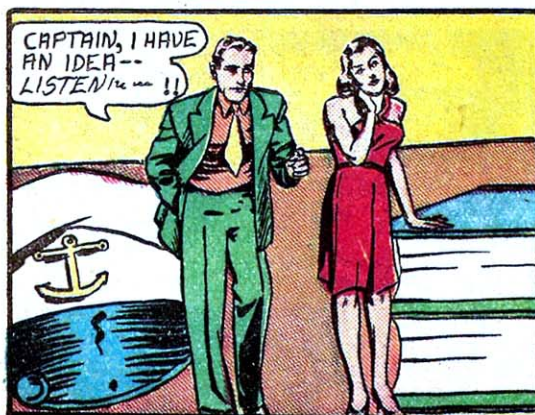
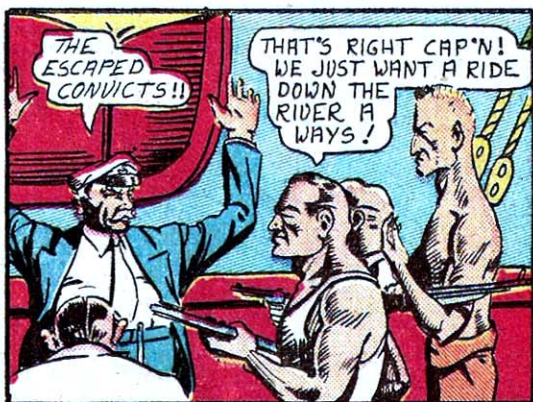
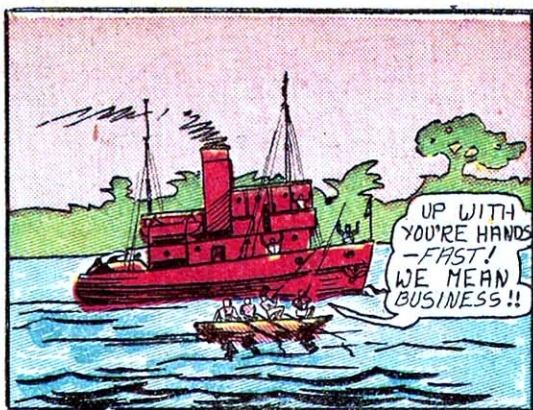
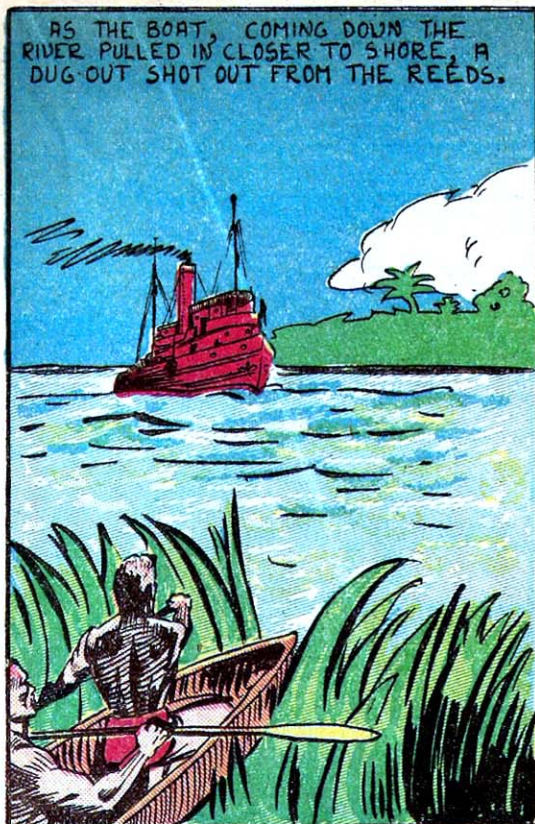
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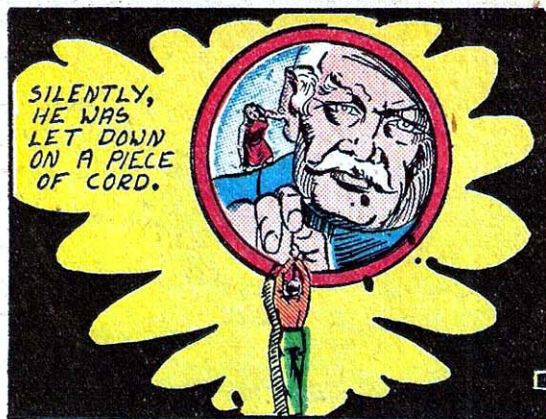
MINIMIDGET AND RITTY, TWO SUPER-MIDGETS, THE SIZE OF A HUMAN HAND. — FIND ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD. THEY FLEW TO AFRICA IN A 3 FOOT ROCKET SHIP, AND NOW ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE BY BOAT.

• BY • John T. Kolb •

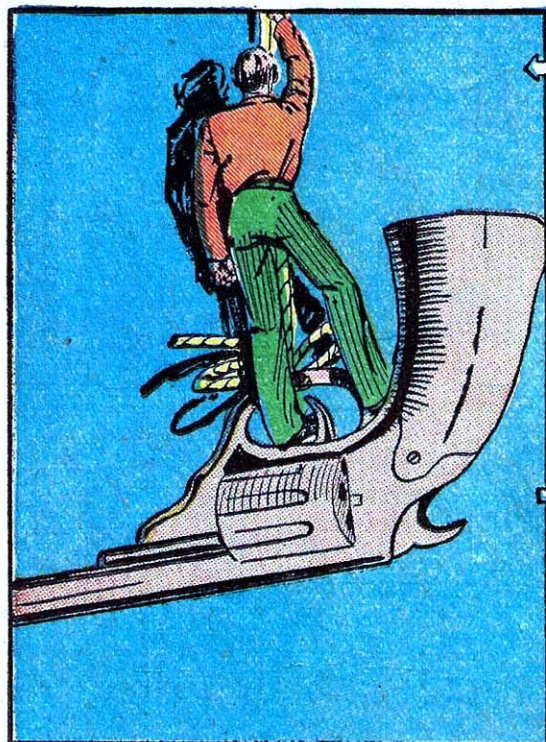








THEN HE CREPT OVER TO WHERE ONE OF THE CONVICTS SLEPT--THE REVOLVER WAS TOO HEAVY FOR HIM TO CARRY-- SO HE TIED A PIECE OF CORD TO IT, AND THE CAPTAIN PULLED IT OVER TO THE PORT-HOLE.

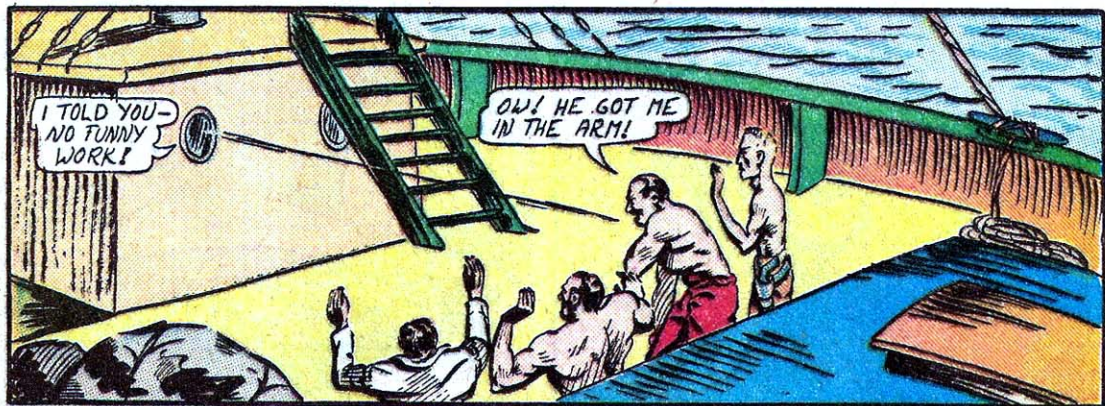


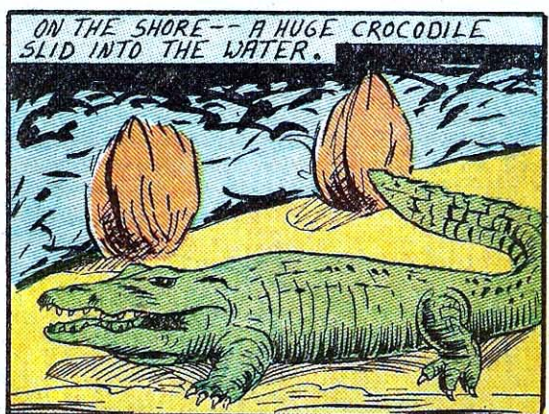
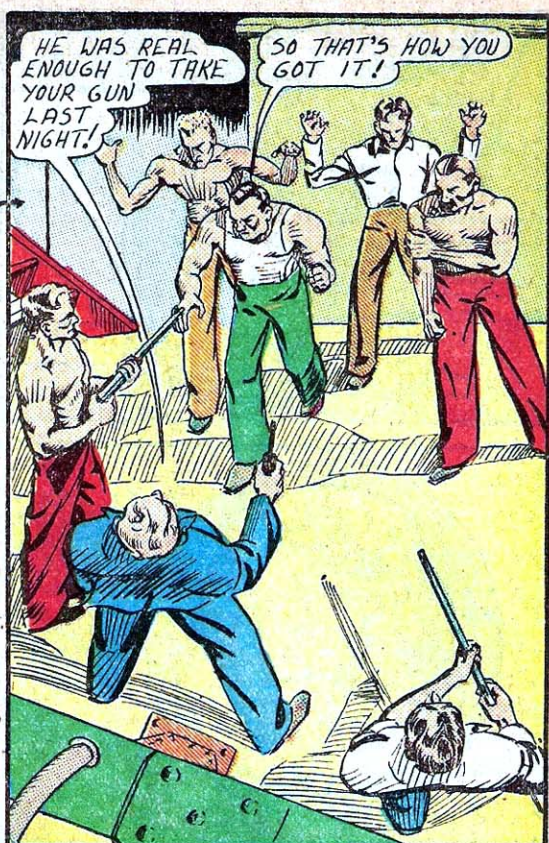
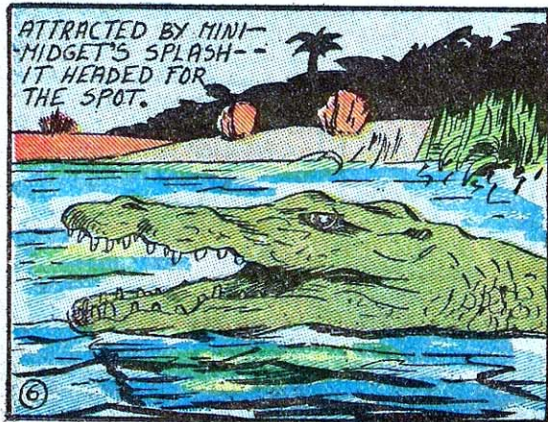
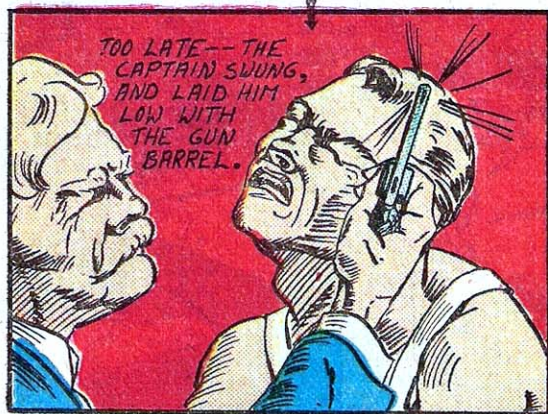
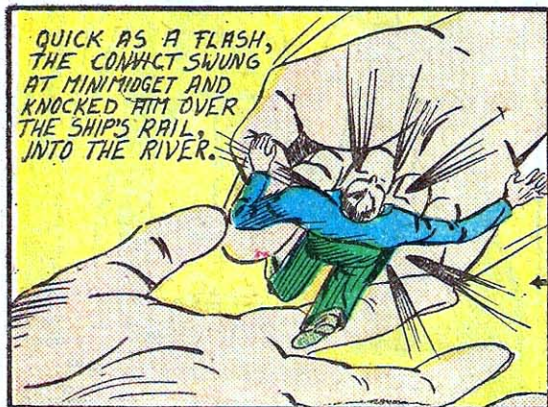
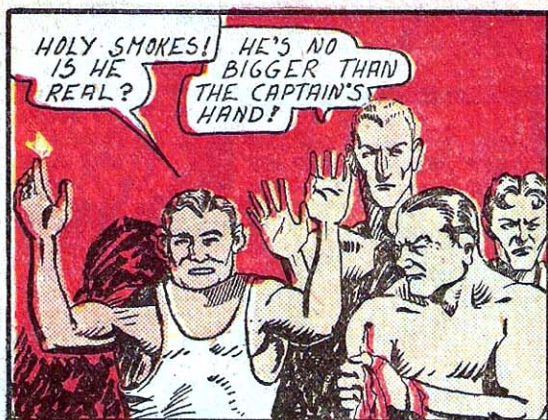
-- AND PULLED THE REVOLVER, AND MINIMIDGET UP INTO THE CABIN-- SAFELY.

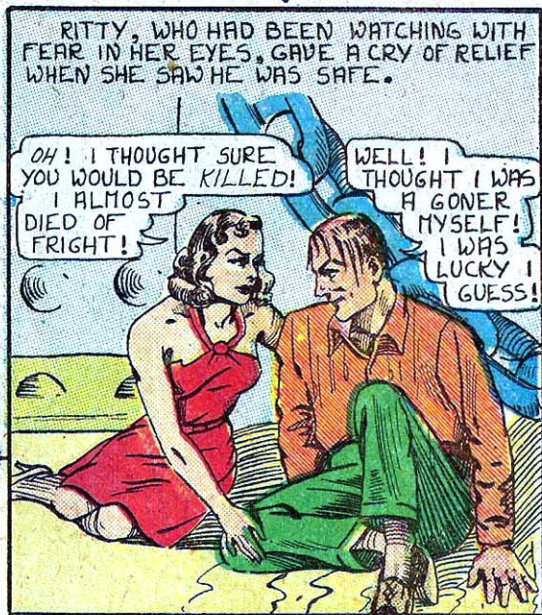
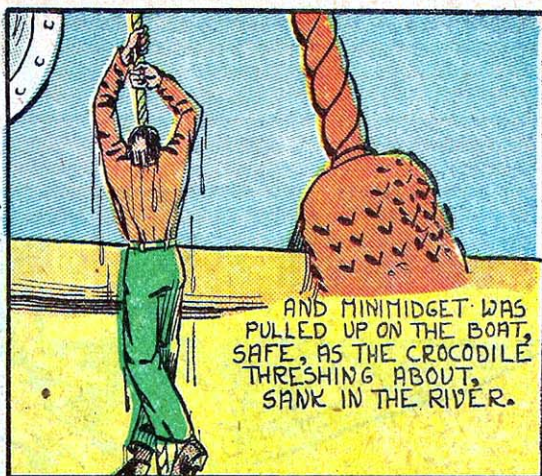




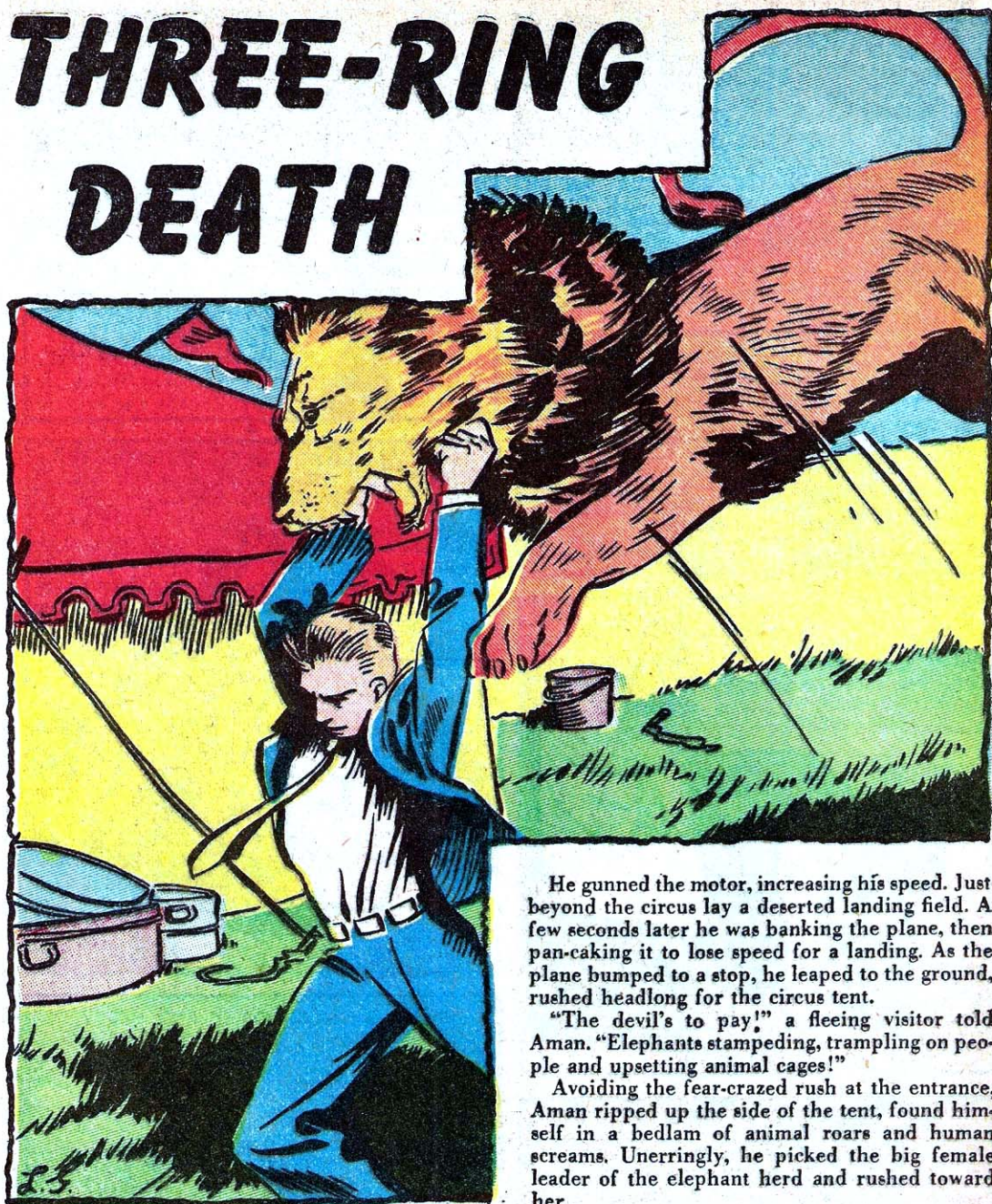
-LATER-







THREE-RING DEATH



By Duke Carey

Three-fifteen! The plane was plummeting westward with Aman, the Amazing-Man, at the controls. Aman had an appointment with a peace officer on the West Coast. He was anxious to begin that adventure, hored with the plane trip.

He was bored—until down ahead of him he spied excited figures hurtling out in all directions from a circus tent at the edge of a small village. Trouble!

He gunned the motor, increasing his speed. Just beyond the circus lay a deserted landing field. A few seconds later he was banking the plane, then pan-caking it to lose speed for a landing. As the plane bumped to a stop, he leaped to the ground, rushed headlong for the circus tent.

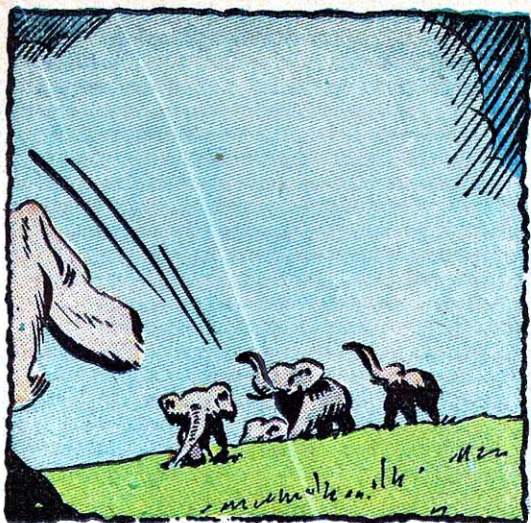
"The devil's to pay!" a fleeing visitor told Aman. "Elephants stampeding, trampling on people and upsetting animal cages!"

Avoiding the fear-crazed rush at the entrance, Aman ripped up the side of the tent, found himself in a bedlam of animal roars and human screams. Unerringly, he picked the big female leader of the elephant herd and rushed toward her.

He met the wildly trumpeting beast head-on, caught her flailing trunk in his steel-strong hands. Never had his famed super-strength been used to better advantage!

"Knees!" Aman cried, and put all his mighty strength into a violent twist of the gigantic trunk. The elephant knew she had met her master. She obediently fell to her knees and the other beasts followed their leader's action.

In an instant the trainer and his helpers were leading the subdued herd back to their tethering stakes. Then a cry broke out from a dozen throats, "Lions!"



Aman wheeled and leaped toward the sound. A lion cage had been overturned and the door wrenched open. A great maned lion had escaped and was roaring defiance to his human captors.

Aman spread his feet and shot through the air toward the big cat. The impact of his body knocked the lion to the ground and with dazzling speed Aman grabbed the bristling neck, stood up and dashed the lion to the ground. The lion lay still.

Then the mate to the vanquished male lion slithered from the opening and sprang at Aman. He met the charge in mid-air and with the strength of twenty men forced her back into the opening, yanked the door shut.

His amazing feat stilled the fear of the crowd. In a moment the officers among the crowd had restored order and the dead and wounded left by the crazed elephants were being carried out.

"I'm Bill Henniker, a partner in this show, and I want that man arrested," a big, swarthy man cried out to the officers. Aman looked at the speaker, saw that he was pointing at a frightened man with a target pistol in his hand.

"Why?" Aman shot the question before the police could respond.

"Because," Henniker said, "He deliberately missed the target in his pistol act and shot the leader of the elephant herd, starting that stampede. The elephant was six feet to the right of the target. He couldn't miss that far."

Aman's keen eyes darted to the marksman, saw that he wore thick glasses. "Did you do this?" he asked simply.

"No, no!" the marksman cried. "I'm no murderer!"

Then Aman noticed something else. The trick pistol-shooter wasn't looking him in the eye, but to a point away over to his right. "How long have you worn those particular glasses?" he asked.

"Just today. Henniker, there, broke my old ones accidentally last night and offered to get me a new pair ground just like them before my act today."

Proving That Men Do Not Always See Where They Are Looking

Aman went over and examined the pistol target, then sighted over it, and came back to the police. "Arrest Bill Henniker for murder," he told them.

Henniker's brutal face flushed an angry red, and Aman saw his hand dart beneath his left armpit. Aman's next act was as swift as light. Henniker suddenly struck the ground, Aman atop him.

"What's all this about?" the police chief asked Aman.

"Aman evidently wanted to bankrupt this circus with damage suits so he could get control away from his partner," Aman explained as he extracted Henniker's pistol from its holster. No matter where it shows, a circus layout is always the same. Henniker broke this man's glasses on purpose, then had a pair ground for him that would focus his eyes six feet to the right."

"You're a liar!" Henniker burst out, tugging to get free.

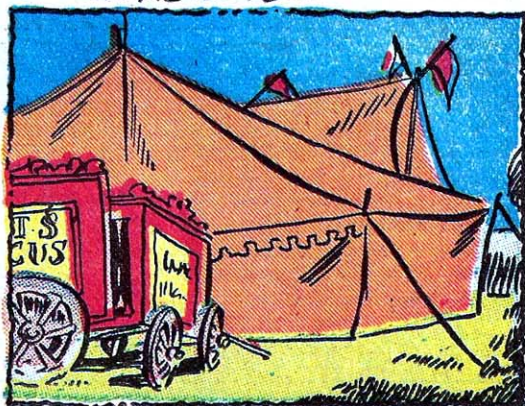
"And," Aman continued, "if you'll notice, the leader of the elephant herd is tethered where that bullet couldn't miss her if the marksman shot where he sighted with his new glasses."

As Aman started back to his plane he heard Henniker confessing his guilt to the officers. People were staring at the departing aviator with awe in their eyes. Suddenly the marksman ran after Aman and caught his arm.

"Who are you?" he asked. "I want to know, to thank you for saving me from being branded a murderer."

"Some folks call me the Amazing-Man," Aman said, and walked on toward the field. It was just three-twenty-two. In exactly seven minutes, Aman, had saved several lives, and helped to make right triumph over evil.

The End



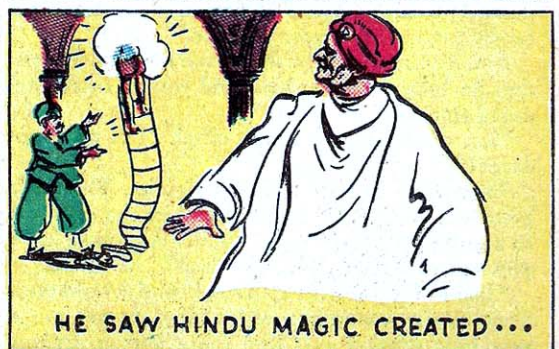
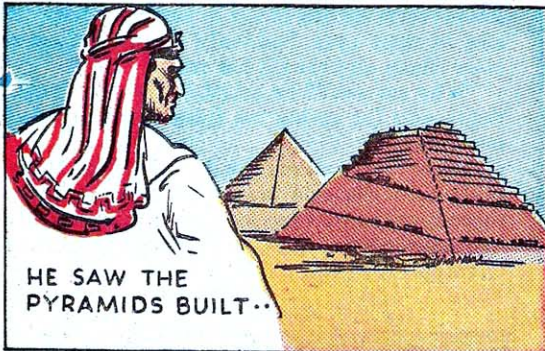
ZARDI • Prince of ZANDIPORE

The ETERNAL MAN



WORLD EXPLORERS HAVE LONG WHISPERED A STORY, TOO FANTASTIC TO BE WRITTEN YET IT IS TRUE! THERE IS ALIVE TODAY A **MAN** WHOM DEATH CANNOT TOUCH. SCIENTISTS SAY HE MUST HAVE SOLVED THE SECRET OF CERTAIN LIFE-GIVING SUN RAYS, LEARNED TO DIRECT THEM INTO HIS BODY. **WE DO NOT KNOW WE CAN ONLY WONDER!**

**HOW OLD IS ZARDI - THIS MAN WHO DOES NOT DIE?
TEN THOUSAND - FIFTEEN THOUSAND YEARS OLD - WHO KNOWS?**

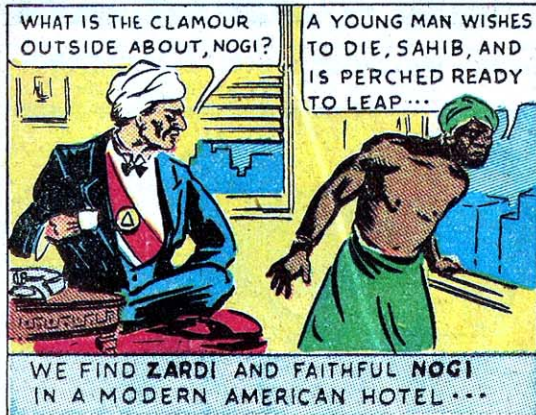




HE SAW THE FOUNTAIN
OF YOUTH HIDDEN
AWAY FOREVER.



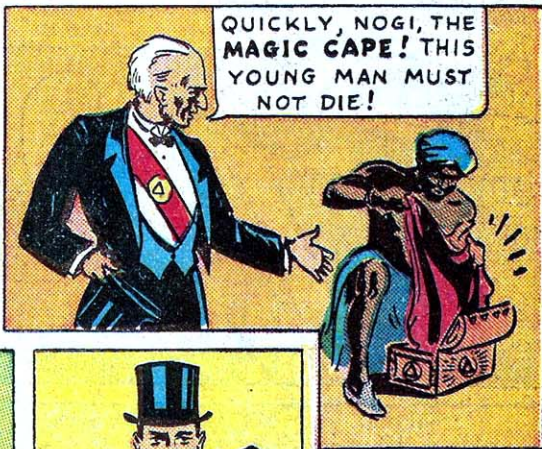
TODAY, MASTER OF ALL
MAGIC AND THE
WISDOM OF THE
CENTURIES....



WHAT IS THE CLAMOUR
OUTSIDE ABOUT, NOGI?

A YOUNG MAN WISHES
TO DIE, SAHIB, AND
IS PERCHED READY
TO LEAP...

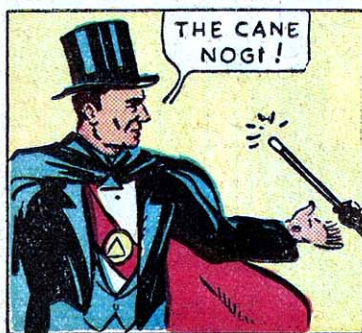
WE FIND ZARDI AND FAITHFUL NOGI
IN A MODERN AMERICAN HOTEL...



QUICKLY, NOGI, THE
MAGIC CAPE! THIS
YOUNG MAN MUST
NOT DIE!



THE YEARS DROP AWAY AS THE MAGIC CAPE BRINGS YOUTH!



THE CANE
NOGI!

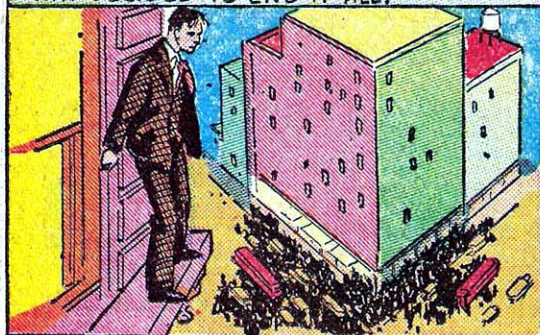


I MUST
REACH
THE ROOF



CONQUERING GRAVITY IS
EASY FOR THE MAN OF A
THOUSAND TRICKS...

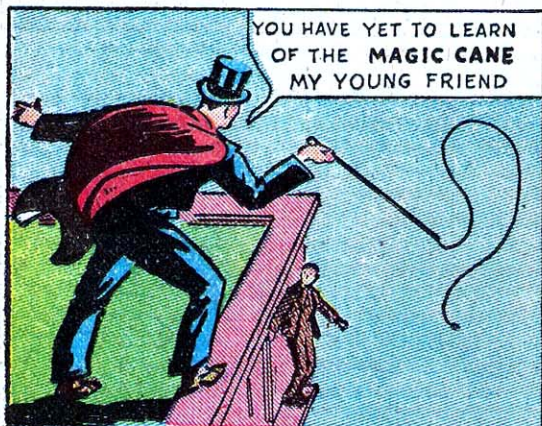
YOUTHFUL ATTORNEY JEFFREY HAINES
HAS DECIDED TO END IT ALL.



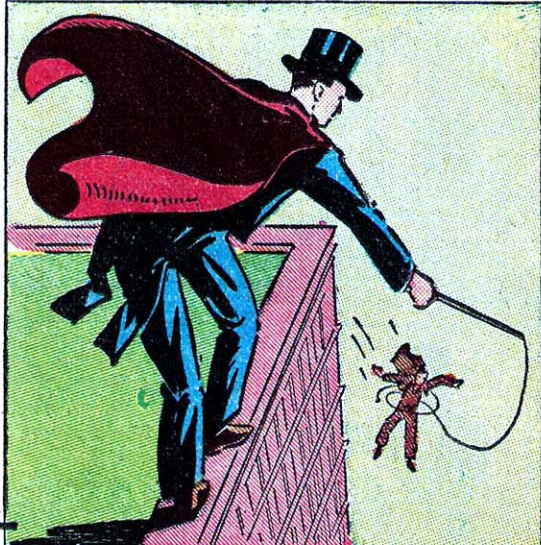
...HUNDREDS AWAIT THE LEAP,
HELPLESS TO PREVENT IT!



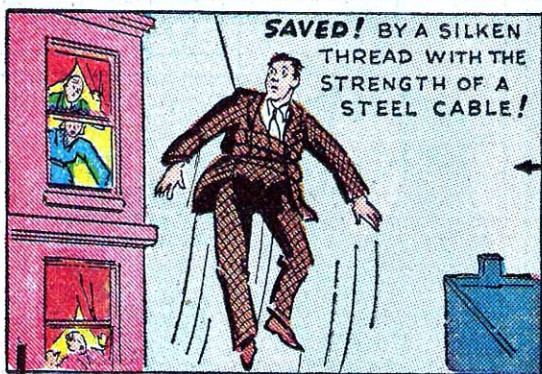
YOU HAVE YET TO LEARN
OF THE MAGIC CANE
MY YOUNG FRIEND



..THE WOULD-BE SUICIDE SEES ZARDI
---AND LEAPS---

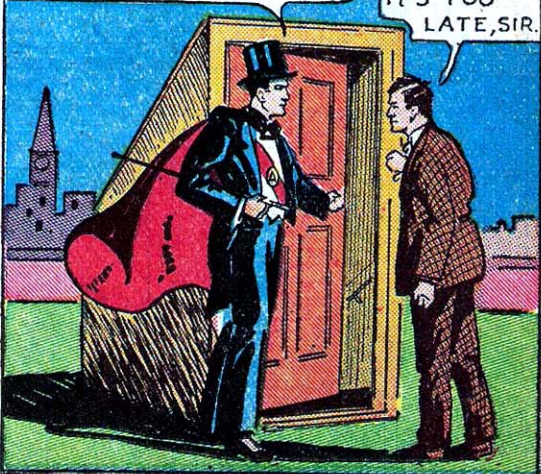


SAVED! BY A SILKEN
THREAD WITH THE
STRENGTH OF A
STEEL CABLE!



COME, MY YOUNG FRIEND,
WE WILL TRY TO REMEDY
THE WOE THAT CAUSED
YOU TO ATTEMPT THIS

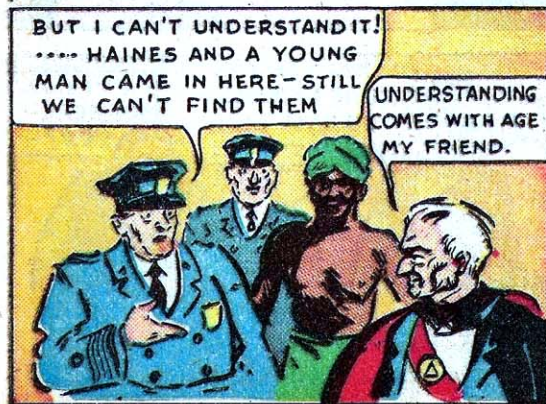
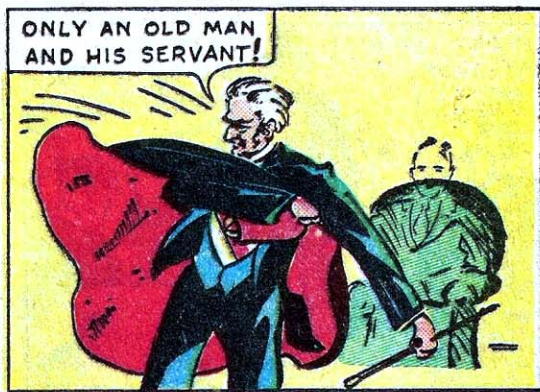
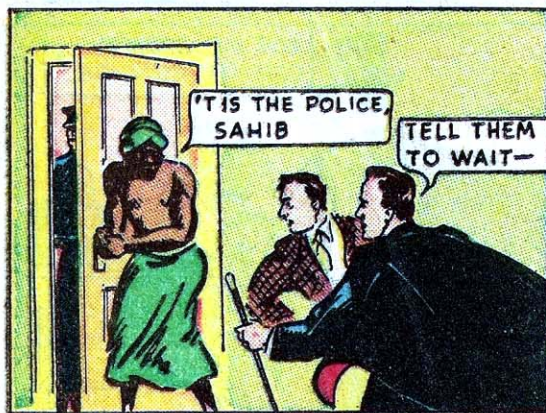
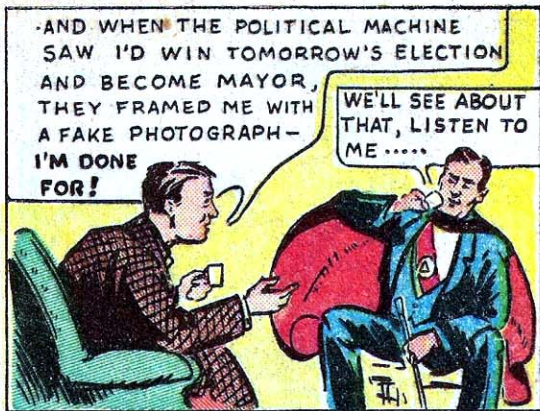
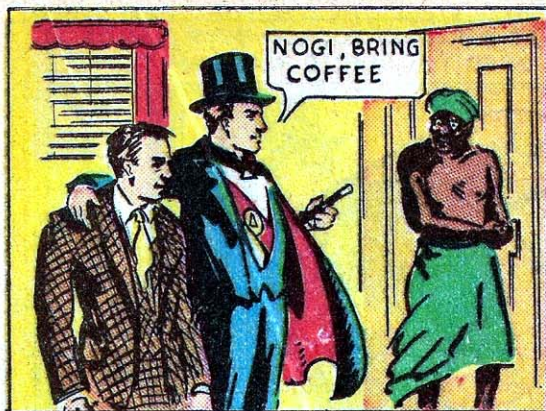
I'M AFRAID
IT'S TOO
LATE, SIR.



WHO ARE
YOU?

ONE WHO HAS LEARNED
THAT GOOD MUST LIVE
AND EVIL
DIE!





MEANTIME IN THE APARTMENT OF BARLOW,
STEELEBURG'S CROOKED MAYOR

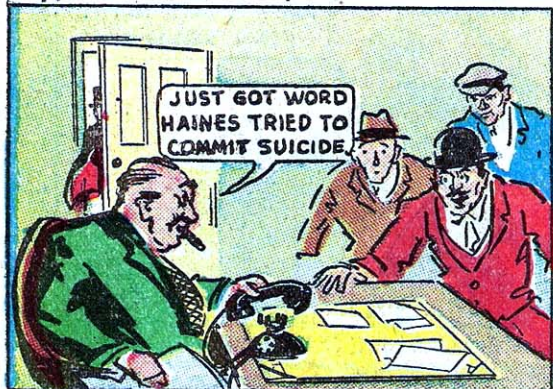
THAT WAS A CUTE TRICK,
SILKY, FAKING THAT PHOTO
OF HAINES TAKING DOUGH
OFF THAT GANGSTER.

IT'S O.K. BOSS—
THAT COOKS
HIS GOOSE!

"Steeleburg Mail"
HAINES PROVED
GRAFTER

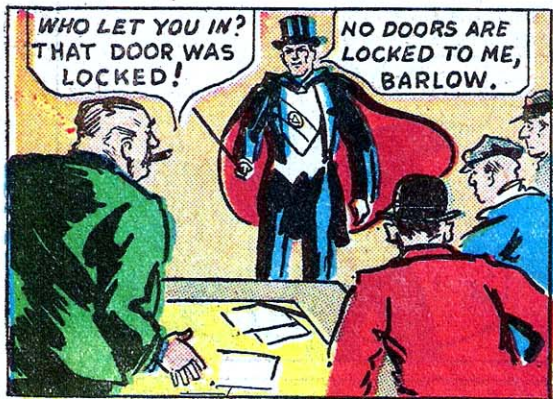


JUST GOT WORD
HAINES TRIED TO
COMMIT SUICIDE.



WHO LET YOU IN?
THAT DOOR WAS
LOCKED!

NO DOORS ARE
LOCKED TO ME,
BARLOW.



AT BARLOW'S LOCKED DOOR ZARDI
USES THE MAGIC CANE ...



BUT HE DIDN'T
COMMIT SUICIDE!



LET 'IM
HAVE IT
MEN!



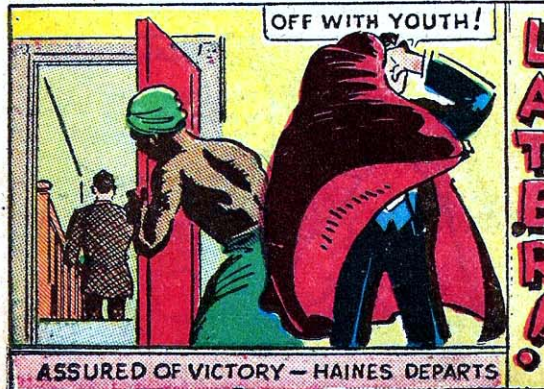
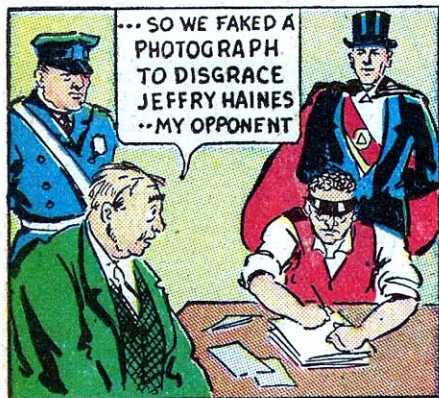
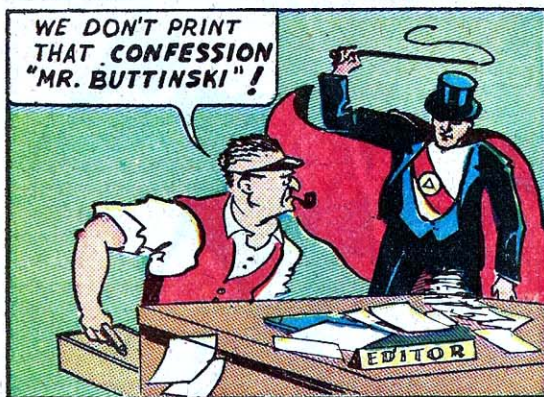
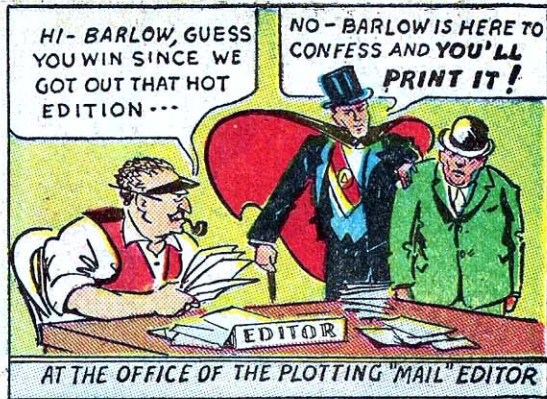
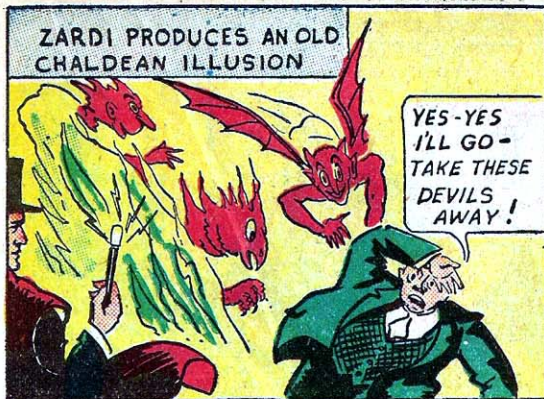
QUICK AS LIGHT, THE MAGIC CANE WORKS!



UNLESS YOU WISH TO
COURT TROUBLE —
YOU WILL COME
WITH ME.

I AIN'T GOIN'
NOWHERE —
SEE!

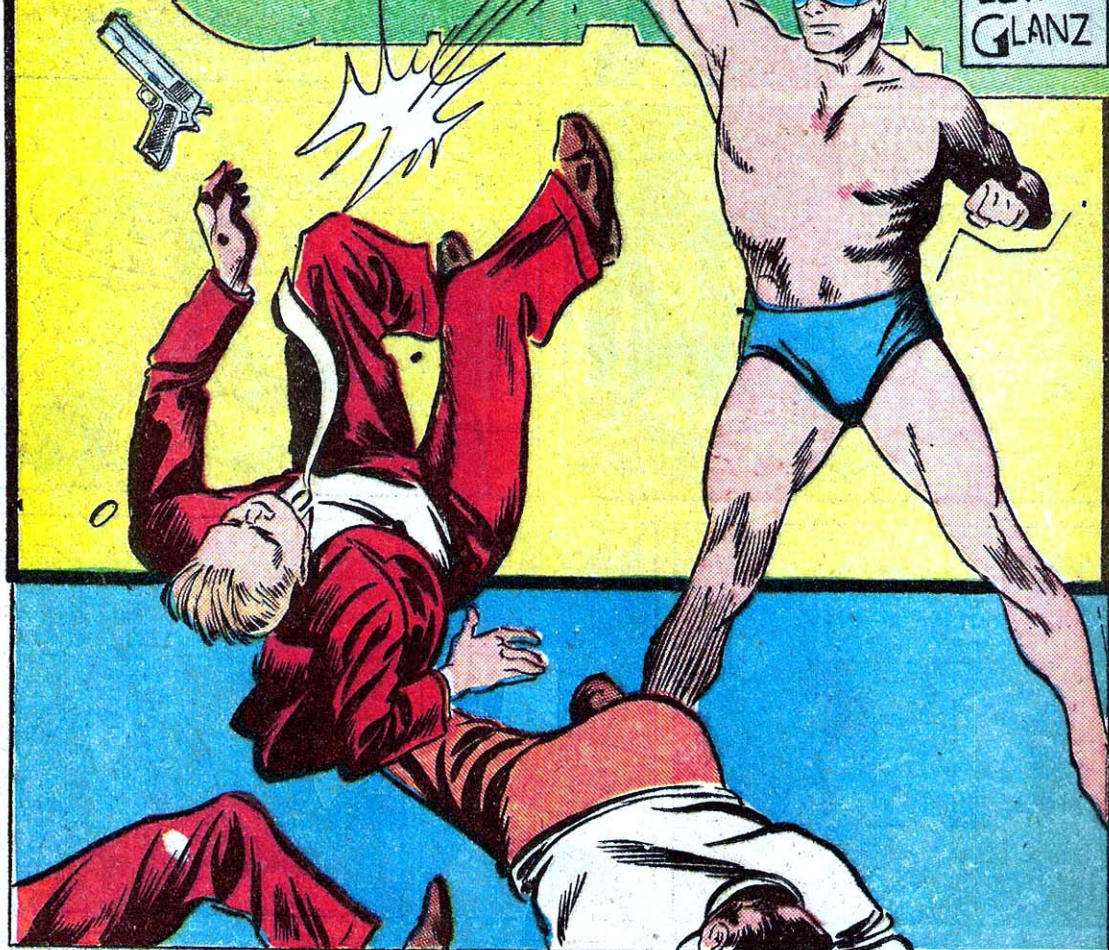




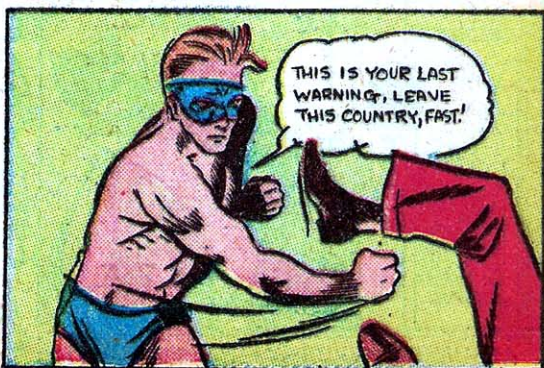
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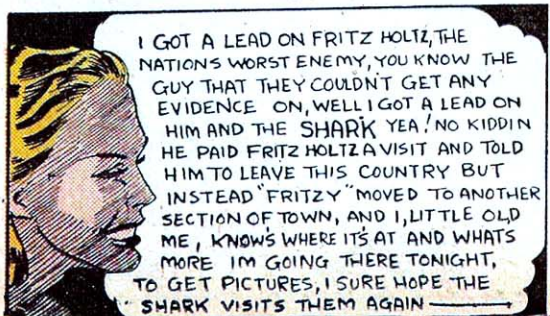
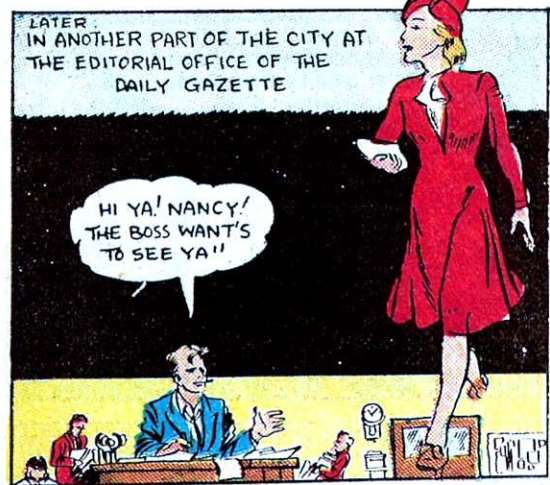
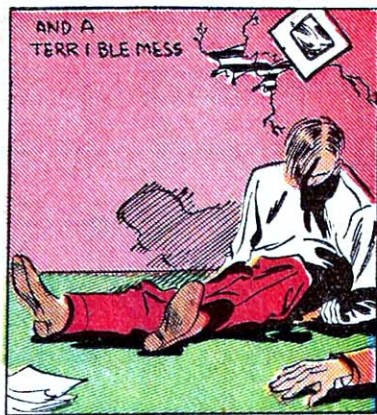
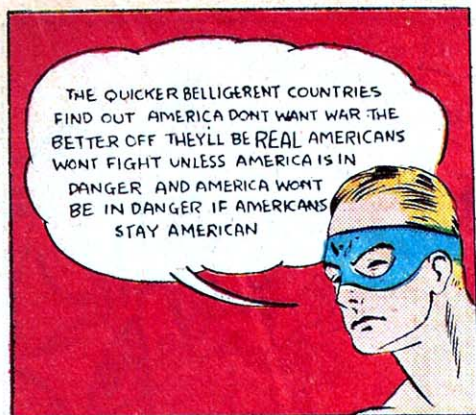
SHARK

LEW GLANZ

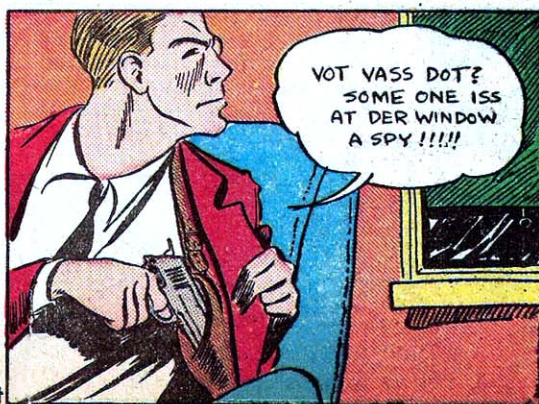
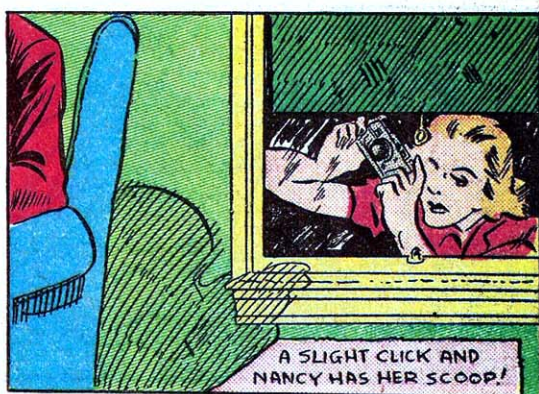


THE SHARK IS AN AMAZING UNDER-SEA CREATURE SERVING JUSTICE, HE HAS WEBBED HANDS AND FEET, THE SON OF A MERMAID AND FATHER NEPTUNE, ENDOWED WITH ENORMOUS STRENGTH ON LAND, SEA, HIS SEA POWER IS NATURAL BUT HIS LAND POWER WAS BESTOWED UPON HIM BY FATHER NEPTUNE WHO GAVE HIM AN ENCHANTED KNIFE, WITHOUT THIS KNIFE HE IS HELPLESS ON LAND ———— AIDED BY HIS SUPER ONE-WAY TELEVISION SET HE SEE'S ALL.

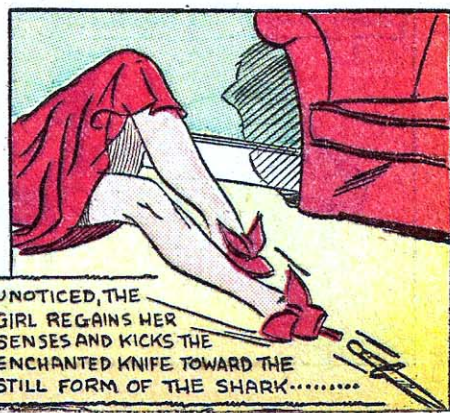
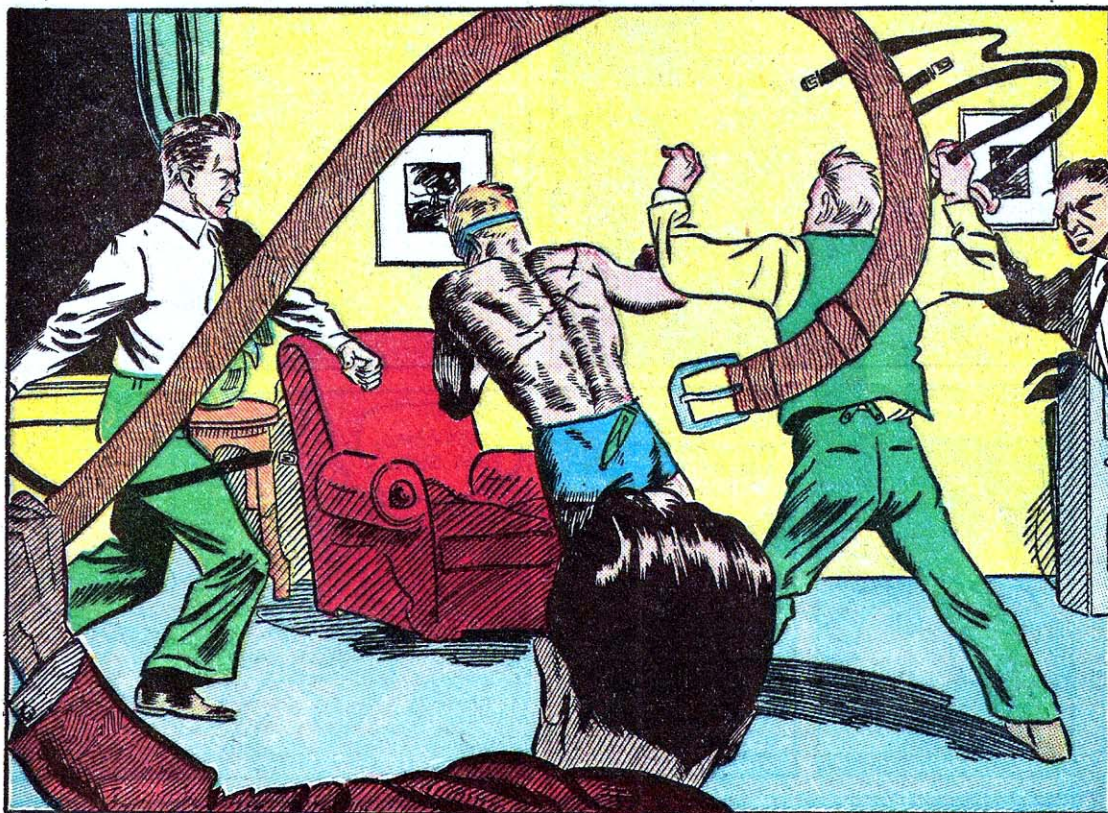


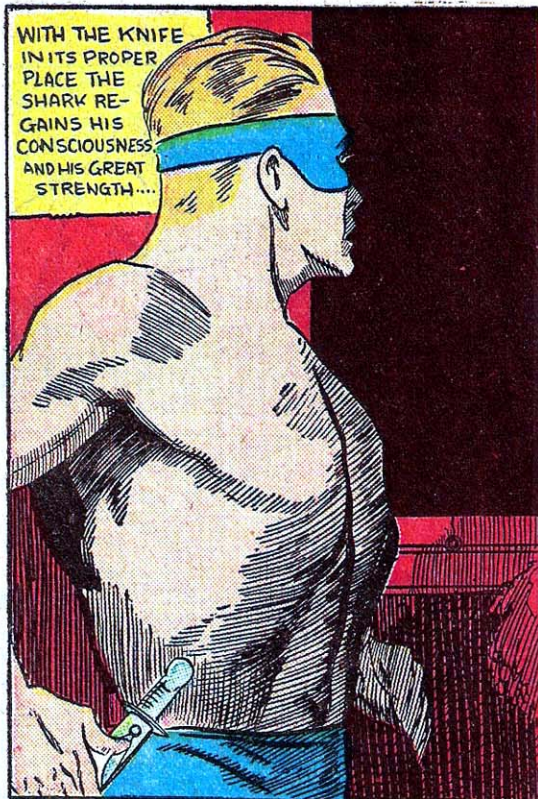


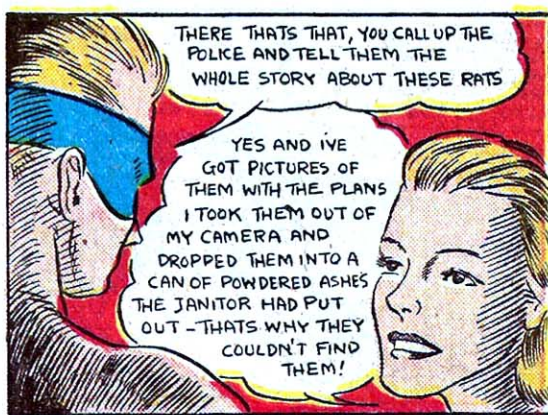
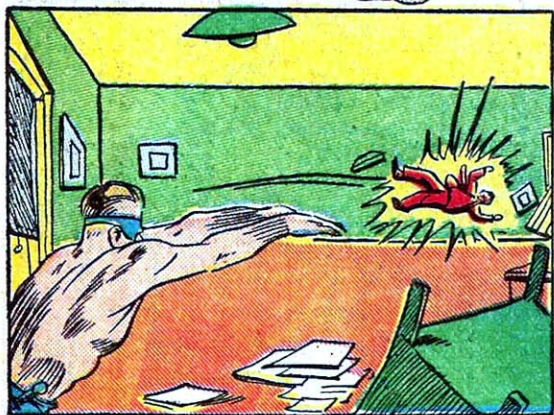
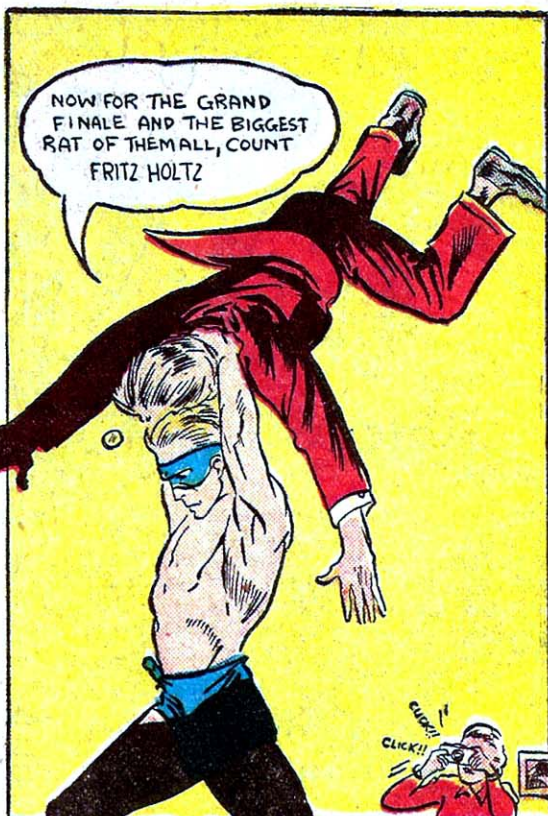












MIGHTY MAN

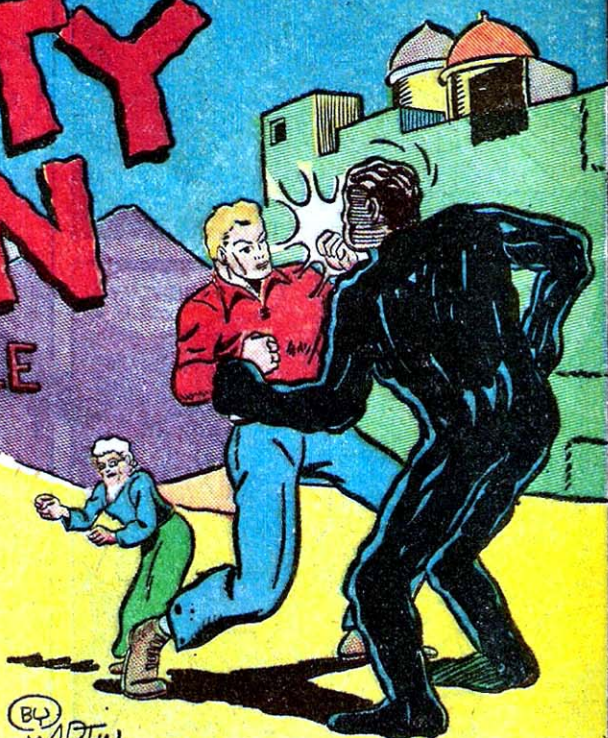
AND THE COAL PEOPLE

THE MIGHTY MAN IS A TWELVE FOOT SUPER-GIANT WHO WAS FOUND IN A HIDDEN VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA! HE LEAVES THE VALLEY TO WAGE A WAR ON CRIMINALS!

AS OUR STORY OPENS WE FIND THE MIGHTY MAN IN A COAL MINE IN COLORADO. HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO LOOK INTO A STRANGE MYSTERY! MEN WERE DISAPPEARING IN THE MINE / TO-DATE NO TRACE HAS BEEN FOUND OF THEM!

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY —!

BY
MARTIN
FLECHCO



A DOZEN MEN HAVE DISAPPEARED WITHIN THE PAST TWO MONTHS - NO TRACE HAS EVER BEEN FOUND OF THEM! THAT'S WHY I'VE ASKED YOU TO LOOK INTO THIS STRANGE MYSTERY!

PERHAPS THEY WERE COVERED BY SLATE FALL OR GOT LOST IN SOME UNCHARTED TUNNEL!



THE SCENE OPENS AS WE FIND THE MIGHTY MAN IN A COAL MINE IN COLORADO!

NOPE / WE'VE COVERED THAT ANGLE / HMMM WHY SHOULD THIS LIGHT GO OUT? I WONDER!



LOOK OUT!



SUDDENLY THE HUGE TIMBERS BEGAN TO CRACK

THE MIGHTY MAN TRIES TO PROTECT THE COAL OPERATOR FROM THE FALLING TIMBERS!



THIS COAL SEEMS ALMOST ALIVE!



-WITH AMAZING STRENGTH HE PUSHES BACK THE COAL! HE NOTICES SOMETHING VERY STRANGE ABOUT THE COAL FALL!

THAT'S FUNNY



-ALTHO THE TIMBERS ARE BROKEN THERE IS NO COAL REMAINING -THE OPERATOR HAS ALSO DISAPPEARED!

WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE? HE DIDN'T GET COVERED UP I'M SURE OF THAT!



SOUNDS LIKE MORE THAN ONE PERSON THO!



THE MIGHTY MAN HEARS SOMETHING OFF IN THE DISTANCE! SOMEONE WAS RUNNING IN THE DARK MINE! RUNNING AWAY!



DODGING TIMBERS AS HE RUNS THE MIGHTY MAN IS HOT UPON THE TRAIL OF THE RUNNER!

I'M POSITIVE THEY CAME THIS WAY YET THIS PLACE HAS NO EXIT!



BUT TO HIS SURPRISE HE RUNS INTO A BLIND ALLEY! HE CAN NO LONGER HEAR THE RUNNER!

WHY I BELIEVE THIS SLAB OF COAL IS MOVEABLE



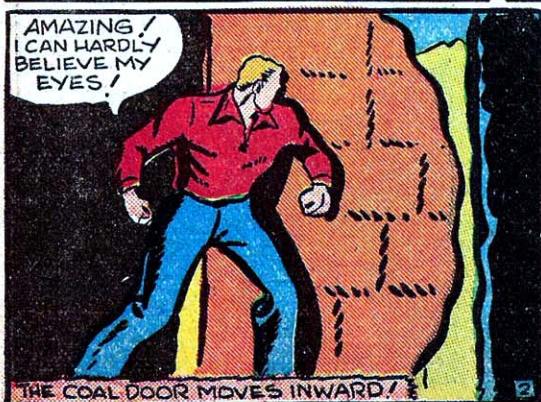
HE MAKES A DISCOVERY

IT'S MOVING ALRIGHT! IT'S SWINGING OUT LIKE A DOOR!



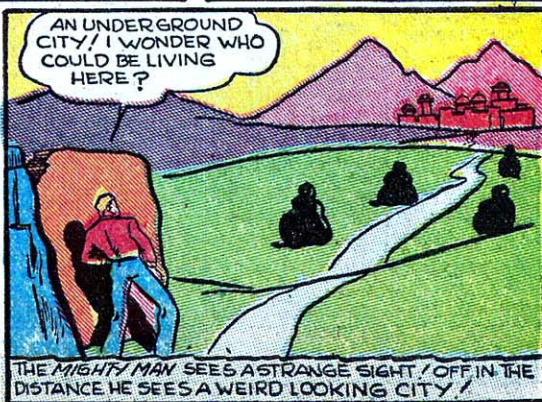
PUSHING WITH ALL HIS MIGHT THE MIGHTY MAN CAUSES THE COAL TO MOVE!

AMAZING! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE MY EYES!

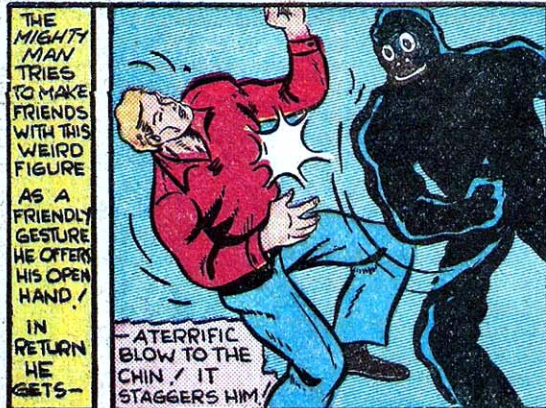


THE COAL DOOR MOVES INWARD!

AN UNDERGROUND CITY! I WONDER WHO COULD BE LIVING HERE?



THE MIGHTY MAN SEES A STRANGE SIGHT! OFF IN THE DISTANCE HE SEES A WEIRD LOOKING CITY!



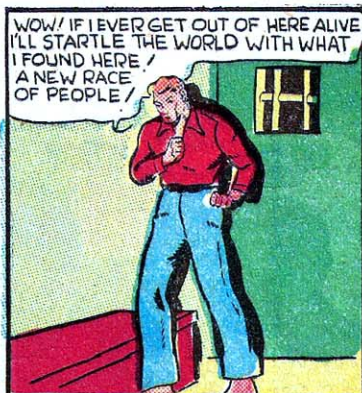
THE MIGHTY MAN IS PLACED IN A SMALL CELL!

HE HAS NO IDEA AS TO WHAT IS TO BECOME OF HIM!



PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME, I'LL APPRECIATE IT!

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WOW! IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE I'LL STARTLE THE WORLD WITH WHAT I FOUND HERE! A NEW RACE OF PEOPLE!



WHAT'S THAT?

THE MIGHTY MAN HEARS A LOW WHISPER - HE WHIRLS AND SEES —!



I HAVE BAD NEWS - IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR FRIEND YOU'RE TOO LATE!

- A WHITE HAIRD OLD MAN - AN AMERICAN! - THE MIGHTY MAN IS STARTLED AT WHAT HE HEARS! - THE COAL OPERATOR WAS KILLED BY THE BLACKMEN



WHO ARE YOU?

A WHITE MAN LIKE YOURSELF BUT THE COAL PEOPLE BELIEVE ME A GOD, AND WHO ARE YOU?



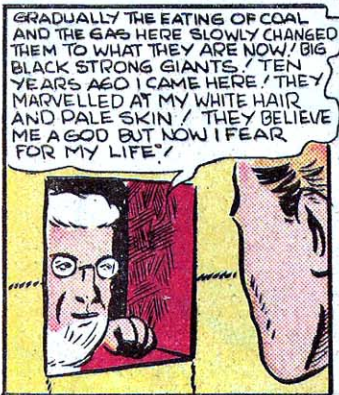
- AND THAT'S HOW I GOT HERE WHO ARE THESE WEIRD PEOPLE - HOW DID YOU COME TO LIVE AMONG THEM?

THE MIGHTY MAN TELLS HIS STORY



I WANDERED INTO THIS STRANGE LAND THROUGH AN OLD CAVE, AS FOR THE COAL PEOPLE, THEY'VE BEEN HERE FOR CENTURIES, THEIR ANCESTORS WERE INDIANS WHO BECAME TRAPPED HERE, AS THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO VEGETATION HERE THEY WERE FORCED TO EAT COAL!

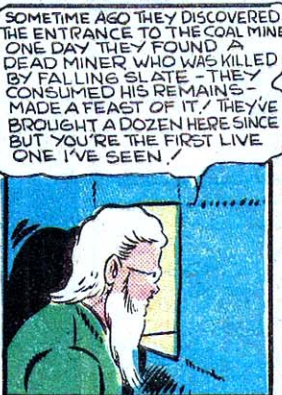
I'VE BEEN FORCED TO LIVE ON IT MYSELF



GRADUALLY THE EATING OF COAL AND THE GAS HERE SLOWLY CHANGED THEM TO WHAT THEY ARE NOW, BIG BLACK STRONG GIANTS, TEN YEARS AGO I CAME HERE, THEY MARVELLED AT MY WHITE HAIR AND PALE SKIN, THEY BELIEVE ME A GOD BUT NOW I FEAR FOR MY LIFE!



WHY? WHAT HAS CHANGED THEM?



SOMETIME AGO THEY DISCOVERED THE ENTRANCE TO THE COAL MINE ONE DAY THEY FOUND A DEAD MINER WHO WAS KILLED BY FALLING SLATE - THEY CONSUMED HIS REMAINS - MADE A FEAST OF IT, THEY'VE BROUGHT A DOZEN HERE SINCE BUT YOU'RE THE FIRST LIVE ONE I'VE SEEN.



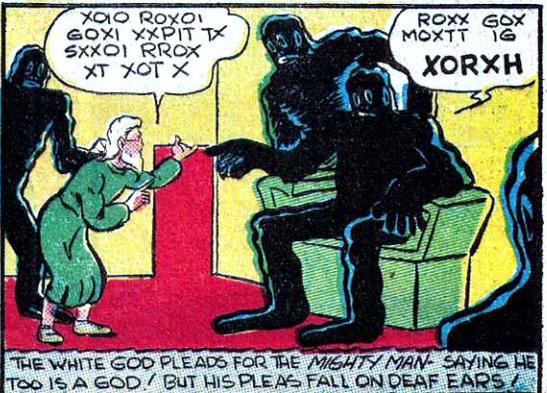
THEY DID TRY TO KILL ME BUT MY SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH SAVED ME I'LL BET THEY'RE DECIDING MY FATE NOW, CAN YOU FIND OUT WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO WITH ME?



I'LL TRY AND IF IT'S IN MY POWER TO SAVE YOU I'LL DO IT! I'LL BE BACK AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE!



- CANNIBALS, WHO'D THINK I'D END UP ON A PLATTER? IF I FRY I HOPE SOME OF THEM GET IN! GESTION IF THEY HAVE ANY TEETH LEFT!



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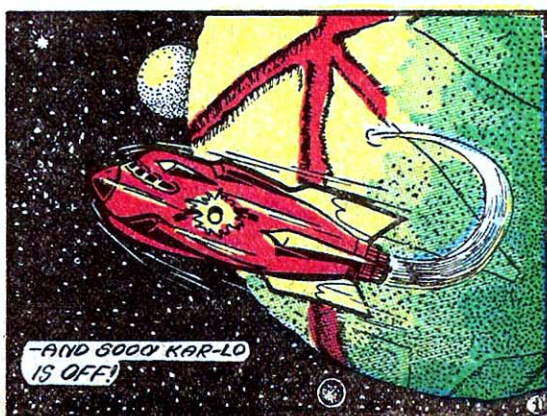
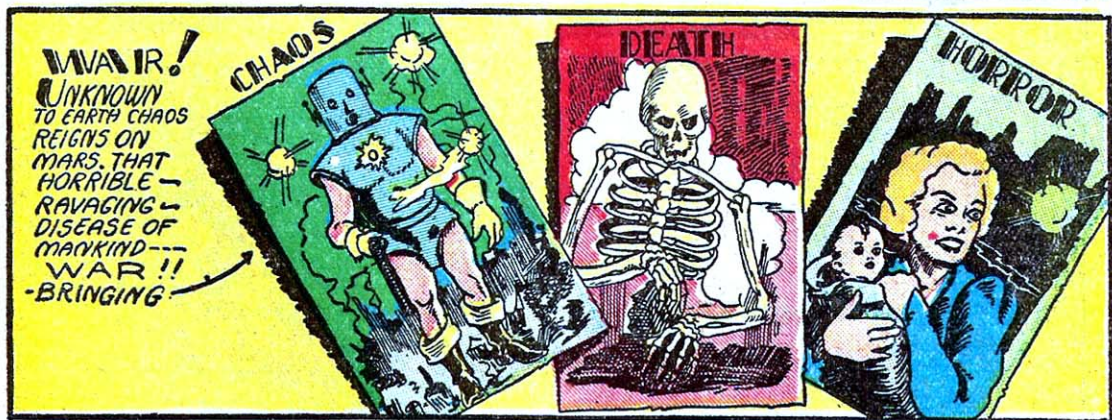
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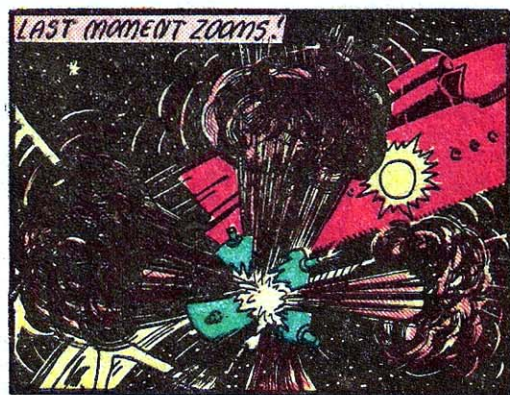
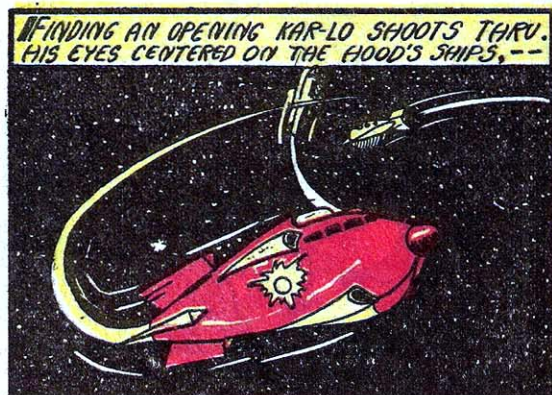
THE WHITE GOD PLEADS FOR THE MIGHTY MAN - SAYING HE TOO IS A GOD! BUT HIS PLEAS FALL ON DEAF EARS!

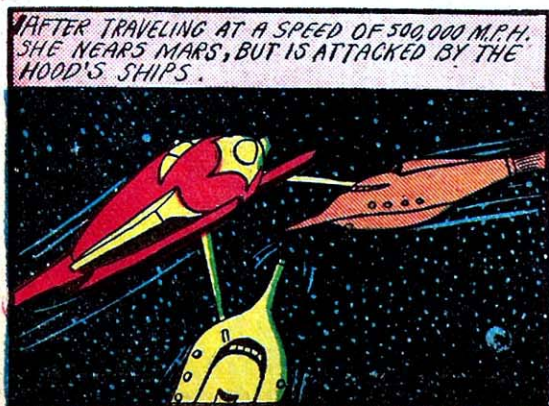
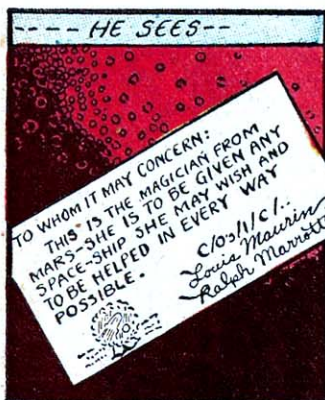
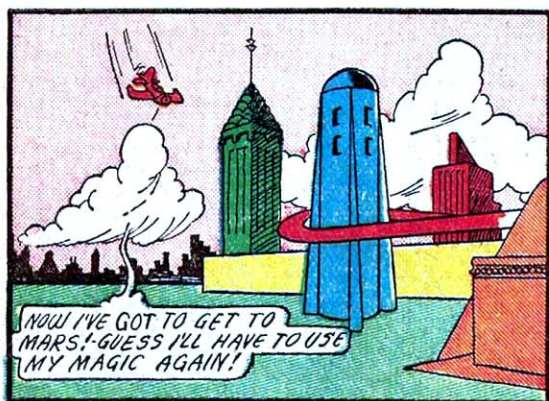


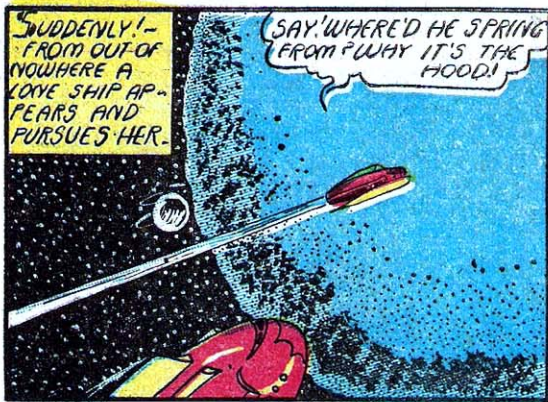






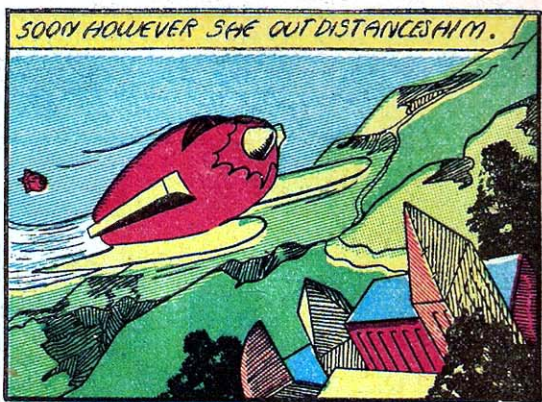






SUDDENLY!-
FROM OUT OF
NOWHERE A
LOVE SHIP AP-
PEARS AND
PURSUES HER.

SAY WHERE'D HE SPRING
FROM? WHY IT'S THE
HOOD!



SOON HOWEVER SHE OUTDISTANCES HIM.



AS JANE LANDS ON THE ROYAL AIRPORT
MARSU- SHE IS GREETED BY-

I'M PRINCE TAAL! SON OF
KING MARSU. COME I'LL
TAKE YOU TO HIM!

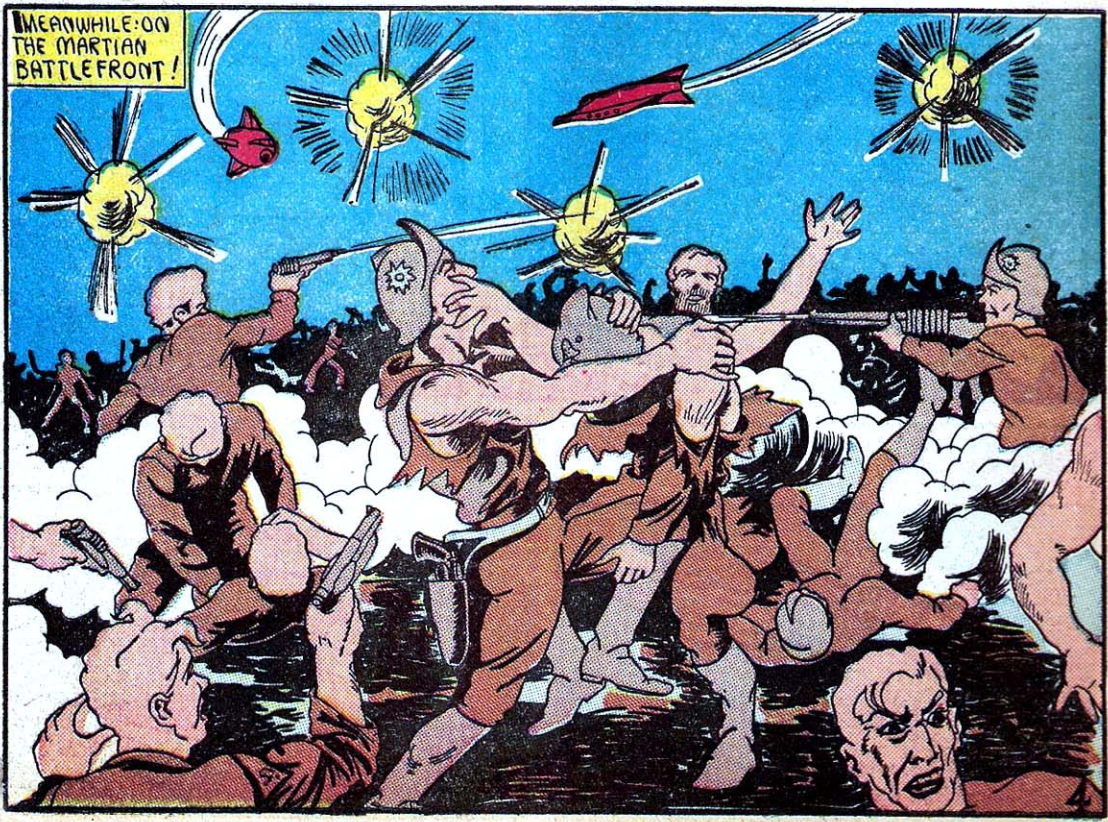
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MEET YOU.
HMM-
NOT BAD.

HMM-
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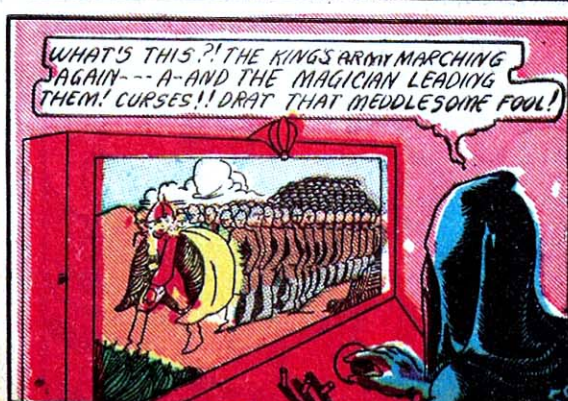
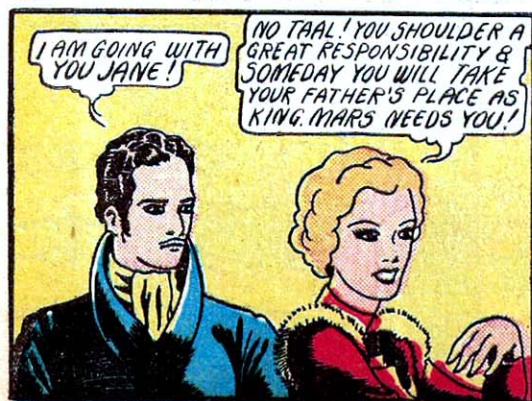
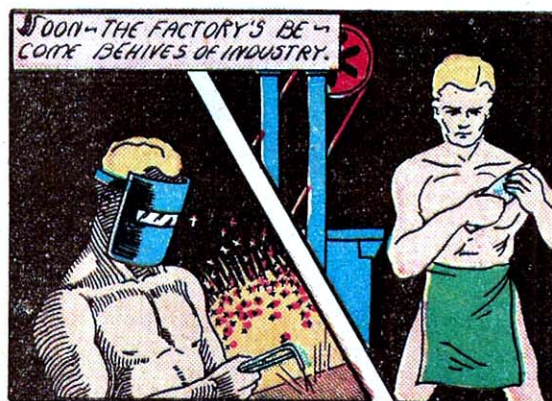
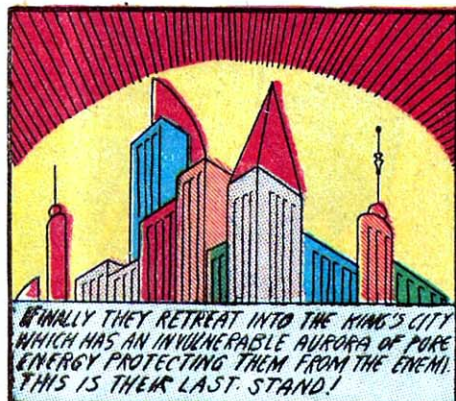
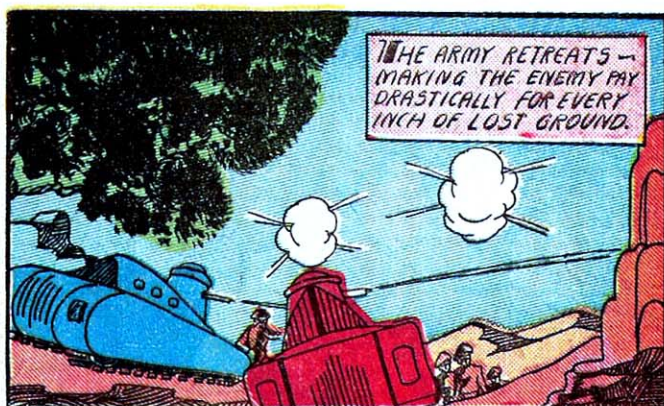
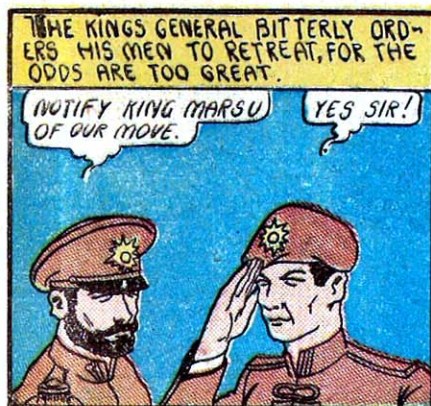


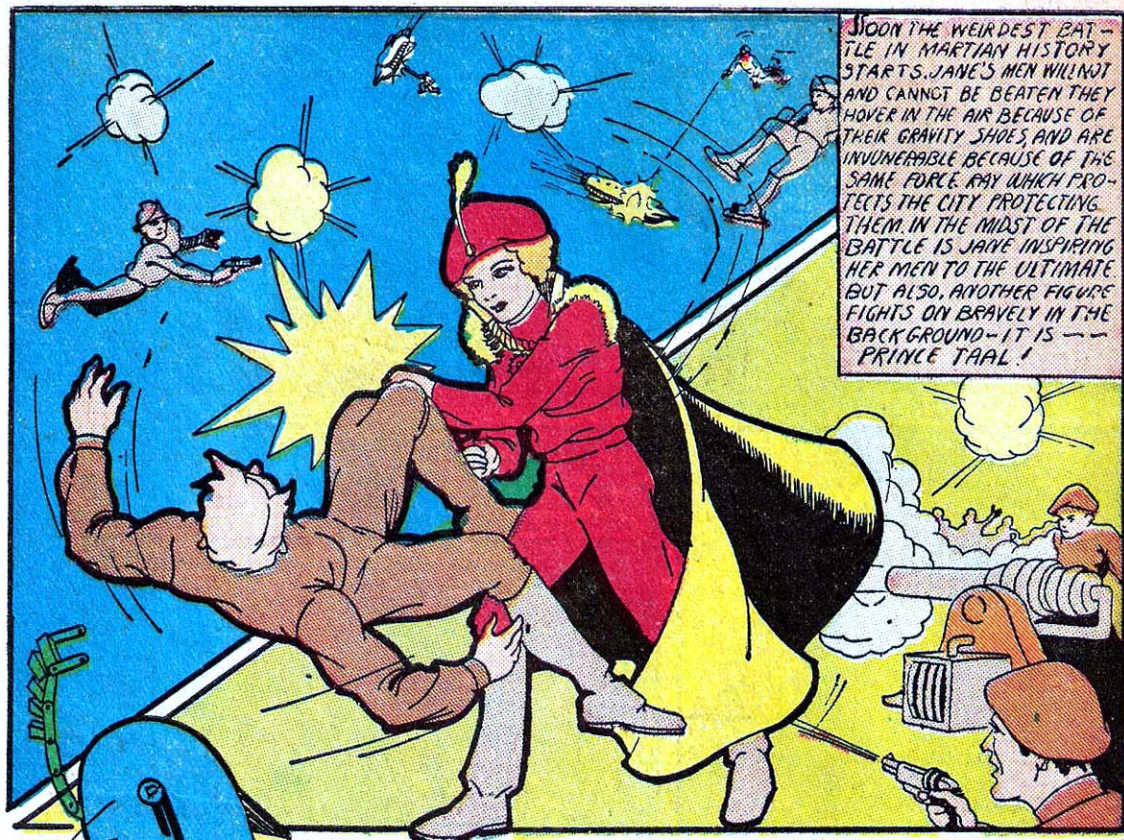
IT IS TRAGIC THE DEATH OF KAR-LO
MY MOST HONORED FRIEND ^{SIGH}! HOW-
EVER THERE IS MORE IMPORTANT
BUSINESS AT HAND: HOW TO STOP
THE HOOD.

THE HOOD? HE'S MY
OLD FRIEND SMILE!

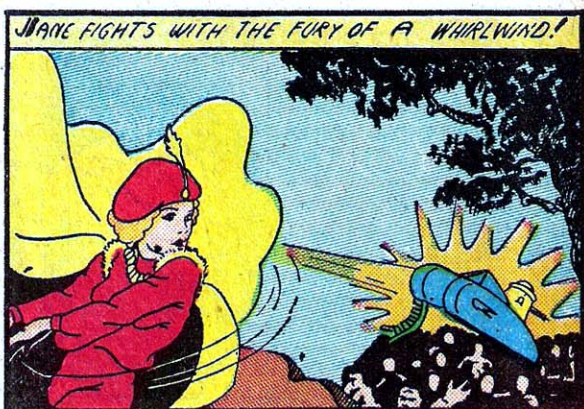
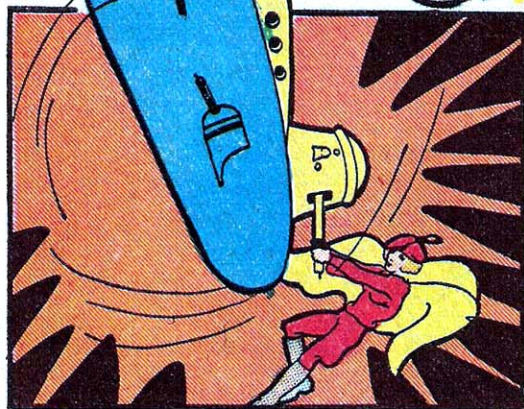


MEANWHILE: ON
THE MARTIAN
BATTLEFRONT!

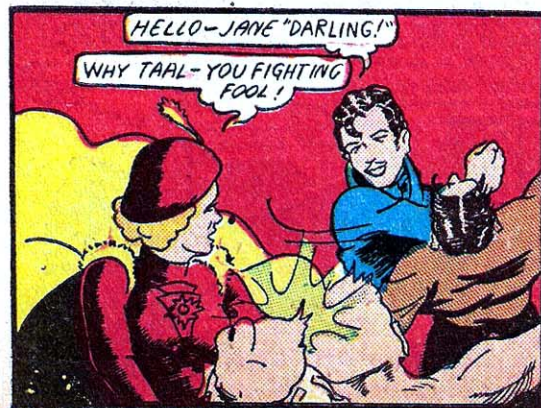




SOON THE WEIRDEST BATTLE IN MARTIAN HISTORY STARTS. JANE'S MEN WILL NOT AND CANNOT BE BEATEN THEY HOVER IN THE AIR BECAUSE OF THEIR GRAVITY SHOES, AND ARE INVULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THE SAME FORCE RAY WHICH PROTECTS THE CITY PROTECTING THEM. IN THE MIST OF THE BATTLE IS JANE INSPIRING HER MEN TO THE ULTIMATE BUT ALSO, ANOTHER FIGURE FIGHTS ON BRAVELY IN THE BACKGROUND—IT IS — PRINCE TAAL!

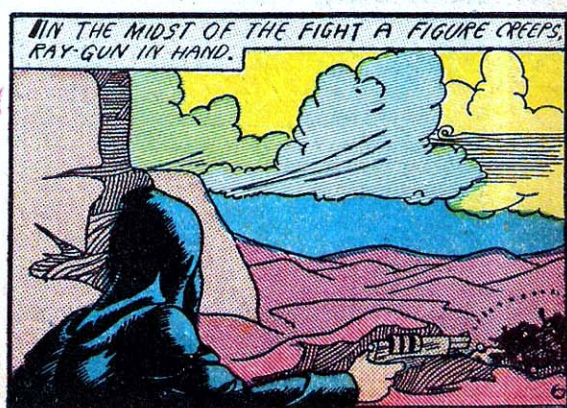


JANE FIGHTS WITH THE FURY OF A WHIRLWIND!



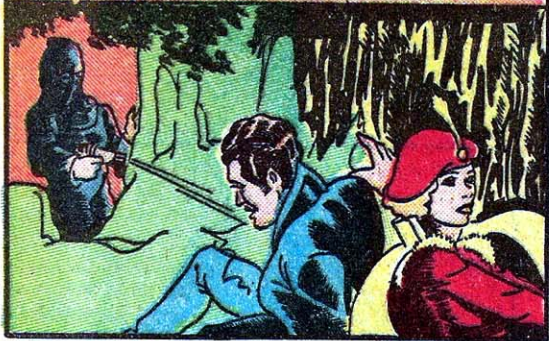
HELLO—JANE "DARLING!"

WHY TAAL—YOU FIGHTING FOOL!



IN THE MIST OF THE FIGHT A FIGURE CREEPS, RAY-GUN IN HAND.

THE HOOD TAKES AIM AND FIRES AT JANE, LUNGING FORWARD. TAAL INTERCEPTS THE DEADLY RAY; AND--



HE SLUMPS TO THE GROUND WITH A GASP OF AGONY. THE MAGICIAN, HAVING SEEN HIS BRILLIANT SACRIFICE, LOOKS UP WITH FURY IN HER EYES--



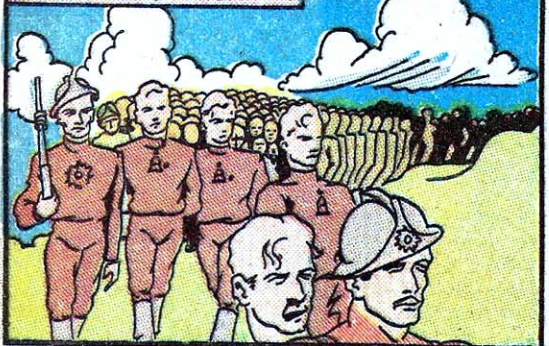
AND PURSUES THE HOOD. SHE CATCHES UP WITH HIM AND SPINS HIM AROUND, UNVEILING HIM AT THE SAME TIME. BUT! IT IS NOT A "HE" BUT A "SHE". IT IS JANE'S OWN AUNT! SHE, AS BEFORE, STARTS



TO IMMATERIALIZE. YES! YOUR DARLING AUNT!! HA-HAA! QUITE A SURPRISE EH? I'LL COME BACK JANE DARLING & WHEN I DO-- DO NOT FORGET I HAVE MAGICAL POWERS TOO! GOODBYE-- HA-HAAA



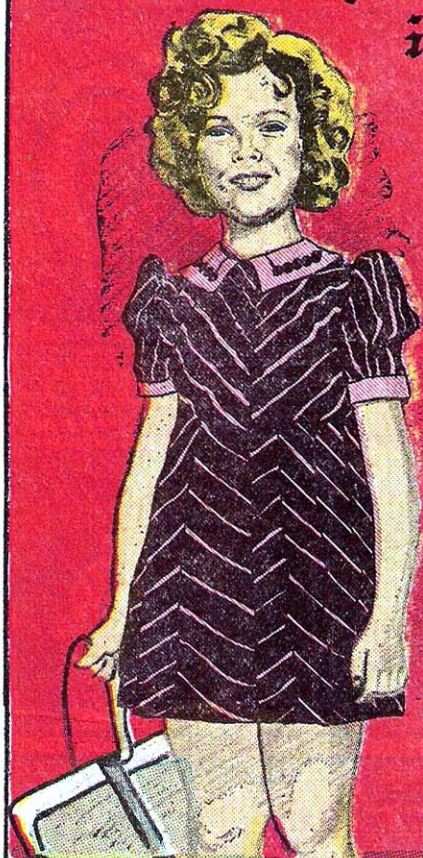
SOON THE HOOD'S ARMY IS IN DISORDER AND FORCED TO SURRENDER.



MEANWHILE: OH TAAL! JUST WHEN I HAVE MET THE MAN I MAY HAVE LOVED WE HAVE TO YES JANE! WE HAVE MET PART! TOO LATE.

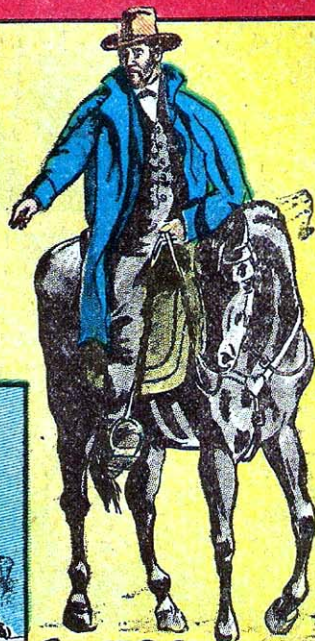


- were you born - in April ?



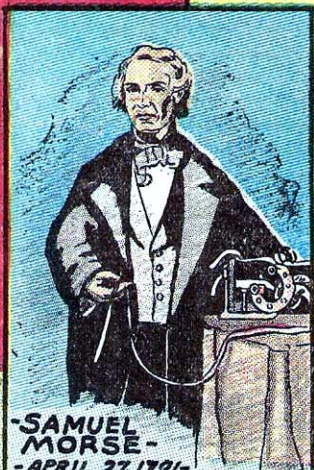
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- REBUFFED AND RIDICULED HE HAD TO WAIT 11 YEARS BEFORE CONGRESS APPROPRIATED \$30,000 FOR A LINE FROM WASHINGTON TO BALTIMORE - ON MAY 24, 1844 THE FIRST MESSAGE WAS SENT OUT - MORSE ALSO FOUNDED THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN



- MARY PICKFORD -

- "AMERICA'S SWEETHEART" BORN APRIL 8, 1893 -
- MARY WON THE HEART OF ALL AMERICANS A FEW YEARS AGO WITH HER ACTING. SHE LATER TURNED TO STORY WRITING AND PRODUCING. SHE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BY FILM LOVERS OF THE EARLY 1920'S.



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